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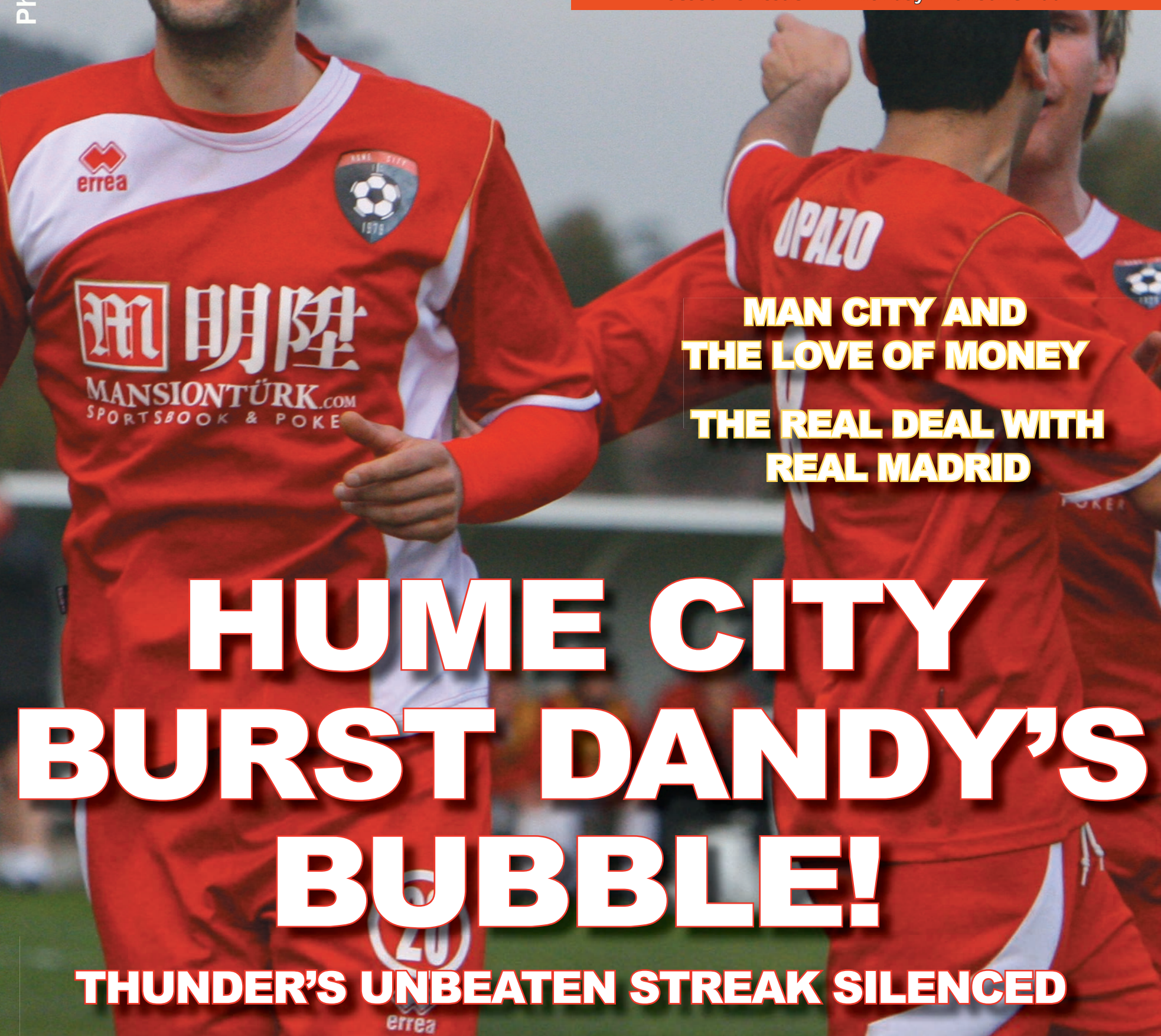
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Hume City's Michael Bosevski, Alfonzo Opazo and Ross Thompson in the 3-0 defeat of Dandenong Thunder. Photo: John Punshon



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ON THE MAIN MARK

Q&A Interview with FFV's CEO Mark Rendell

Goal! Weekly's Chris Aloï goes one on one with Football Federation CEO, Mark Rendell.

The FFV recently held a Strategic Workshop to discuss the future of semi-pro men's football in Victoria. Can you talk a little about that and the direction we're heading in?

We've written out to all VPL clubs and the men's standing committee advising that FFA now have a working party that is reviewing state leagues across Australia. So what the Board agreed to at the Workshop and subsequent meeting was that we're not moving forward with any restructure of the VPL next year. We still will finalise the VPL review currently being conducted by Ken Jacobs, but the status quo will remain for 2010. There won't be a men's summer league for 2009/10 and the VPL will continue in its current form in 2010 while FFA conducts their review in terms of state leagues in Australia.

Is the FFA review you mentioned looking at the viability of a possible national second-tier competition with a view to introducing promotion/relegation into the A-League?

I think the review is more in line with seeing what each member Federation conducts for their highest level mens competitions and seeing how they may be able to get some form of unity or standardisation across some of those leagues.

From the FFV point of view, we will wait for that process to be finalised before moving forward with any restructures of the VPL or the introduction of a men's summer league.

In light of the FFA's review of state leagues, will the review of the VPL currently being undertaken by Ken Jacobs still be completed?

Yes, that's still a valuable document and we'd want to feed that into the national process as well because you'll have the view of all the clubs in Victoria.

Has the unwillingness of some of the clubs to participate in the VPL review with Ken Jacobs hindered the process?

Ken's out there knocking on doors and talking to people within clubs, though there has been an issue that a number of Premier League clubs haven't been prepared to speak with Ken directly and that has delayed the process. We would have liked to have Ken's report finalised by now and being considered by the Board but it has been delayed.

FFV have advised players who hope to be picked for the junior state teams that they must participate in the FFV's junior summer league to be eligible to be picked. Some people are questioning that. What's FFV's justification for enforcing that selection criteria?

There's always a process to be selected for your state. You have to participate in a process to be selected for your state. The process here is that you play for your club in wintertime and you play for your summer league zone in summertime and at the end of the summer league the best of the best play for their state.

That process was in place this year and if you look at the Victorian under 13 and 14 boys and girls teams going to the Nationals we had seven boys go on to make the underage Australian team. 4 girls made the National train-on squad. They all went through their winter clubs, then on to their summer league zones, then made the state side and eventually made the National Team squads, so the system does work.

When FFA looked at how to become internationally competitive, one of the things they noted is that in football nations across the world they play football 11 months a year, where in Australia traditionally it's played six months a year. Our talented players need to be playing more. It's an appropriate selection process. They get to show their skills over a period of the summer and winter leagues and it's not just based on one or two selection trials.

In light of the financial situations of a lot of clubs at VPL and especially State League level, does the FFV consider their financial penalties and disciplinary measures to be in line with the club's capacity to pay the



penalties? Is the FFV merely conducting an exercise in revenue raising?

Our grievance and disciplinary by-laws are aimed to address the issues that come up within the sport. When we did a review last year the Board identified a number of areas, and one was abuse towards match officials. Abuse towards match officials is at a level that is actually driving them out of the game and makes it harder to attract people to become referees. Therefore we need to have a zero tolerance towards them doing their jobs. The penalties have been based around that zero tolerance approach. So we've strengthened that, we've strengthened penalties relating to anyone going onto the pitch who shouldn't be there. Two things – in melee situations when things can get out of control very quickly, if spectators or anyone who's not a player enters the field of play, penalties have been strengthened in that area. And the other in is un-registered players. If a player is unregistered it's a form of cheating, isn't it? So we've taken a zero tolerance approach to un-registered players.

The sanctions in those areas need to be severe to ensure to ensure that those type of behaviours don't hinder the development of the game. If we want to get more referees and better quality refereeing within the sport we need to get more people in the refereeing system and they need to be shown the respect they deserve, because they are basically volunteers doing their job to the best of their ability. They will make mistakes, everyone makes mistakes in life, but they don't need to be abused for providing a community service for the sport, so penalties need to be harsh.

Are the FFV doing enough to support clubs in dealing with instances of crowd disruption or violence? What are FFV doing about it?

We have very strong disciplinary and tribunal by-laws in place so if there is inappropriate behaviour the penalties are harsh. We would encourage clubs to identify people who are causing disruption to their games and we will support them in bans. If you look at our entry criteria for games where spectators pay to attend, we have a reciprocal arrangement in place so that if a club bans someone then that individual is banned from all VPL grounds across Victoria. So we are actively working with clubs, we know they want assistance to address their issues. We provide them with advice on ensuring they have the right security and risk management programs in place. We've got the Football ACE program in place now which assists clubs in making sure they've got their code of conduct in place for coaches, spectators and officials. So we're doing a lot to assist clubs with the issues, but the clubs also need to take responsibility for the issue and identify the people who disrupt their fixtures.

If you want to watch football, come along and watch the game and enjoy the community atmosphere but don't disrupt the play or disrupt the game afterwards, because no one wants to see that.

Are there any plans to look at changing the regional splits of the State League or the possibility of a finals series for State Leagues?

There's none planned for next year, but we are do-

ing a finals series with the Womens Premier League this season. The intention is to see how that goes, see how it is accepted by the clubs and players with the intention to see if it's viable to do something along those lines for the juniors and men's competition.

There has to be a review done to see if the regional splits are still appropriate. When you get down to State League 3 and Provisional Leagues, do the players and clubs actually want to travel that far, or would they be more comfortable if they could play their football in a more localised way? It would be a very valuable discussion we need to have with the clubs and it's on the agenda, and we'll look at that at the end of the year or early next year to look at something from 2011 onwards.

What is the FFV's view on the possible re-introduction of a Cup competition for the state?

It's on the agenda. Two issues are access to grounds and making sure there is enough interest in a Cup competition at the lower levels. I think it would work well as a pre-season competition for the lower levels and bringing the VPL clubs and State 1 clubs in for the later rounds. It's a matter of logistics, planning and making sure that it's something everyone wants.

Is there any progress on the FFV securing a major sponsor for the VPL?

We're in discussions with a number of companies regarding a premier partnership, with part of that being naming rights to the men's and women's premier leagues. It's not an easy market to find sponsorship, but we're working hard. We are getting some runs on the board with our recent announcement of Clear Solar's sponsorship of women's football and Melbourne Victory Women's team and we are talking to a number of very interested parties that want to get involved, but it is difficult.

Is there sponsorship or naming rights sponsorship for the Summer League?

We've got a number of properties - summer league, men's and women's premier leagues, the state leagues - that are all viable and valuable properties that we want to make sure we get the right partner with. We're also looking at our beverage partner at the moment, so hopefully we may have an announcement on that shortly. We're working through the process but obviously we want to get the premier partner on board, it's a priority as it's the biggest one but we're not going to give it away and we're going to make sure we get the right partner for the competition.

Has there been any progress on FFV's proposed business initiatives as per the FFV Strategic Plan?

We're looking to have an online retail outlet up and running for next season so we can provide a good quality service to all of our stakeholders and we're also looking at the venue issues, another part of the Strategic plan. There was a fantastic announcement from the government recently with \$5.7m to go into venue upgrades to provide more access for people to enjoy the sport. The Knox regional facility in combination with Basketball will be fantastic, it's another regional facility that FFV will be involved in the management of and will be up and running in about two years. There's a lot of work, strategically, going into our facilities which will generate new revenue streams and more opportunities for people to enjoy football.

Finally, regarding the recent bushfire appeal matches vs MVFC, how much money was raised?

We're trying to finalise all the costs. There were no costs from an FFV point of view but there were some venue costs, particularly around security, but it's anticipated that well over \$5000 will be donated to the bushfire charities which is a fantastic achievement. It was great exposure for the sport and a good fundraising opportunity.

By Chris Aloï

Photo by Daniel Flis



VPL STANDINGS



	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder	15	10	4	1	26	13	34
South Melbourne	16	8	5	3	35	15	29
Hume City	16	8	3	5	27	13	27
Green Gully Cavaliers	15	8	3	4	20	12	27
Altona Magic	16	8	3	5	24	22	27
Sunshine Georgies	16	7	5	4	13	12	26
Heidelberg Utd	16	7	4	5	25	17	25
Oakleigh Cannons	16	6	5	5	18	14	23
Melbourne Knights	16	5	4	7	18	16	19
Richmond	16	5	3	8	21	21	18
Whittlesea Zebras	16	1	2	13	7	28	5
Preston Lions	16	1	1	14	10	61	4



ANDREW FISHER'S KISS OF DEATH - Round 17

**Richmond Eagles v South Melbourne**
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Fri 10 Jul KO 8:30PM



Richmond's season hit new lows last weekend, becoming the first side to lose to the Preston Lions. Their dismal run of form looks set to continue when they take on in form South Melbourne. South notched up an impressive win over the Zebra's and will be looking to consolidate their top two spot. **AWAY WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Sth Melb 3-0 Rich (2009), Rich 2-0 Sth Melb (2008), Sth Melb 1-0 Rich (2008), Sth Melb 0-1 Rich (2007), Rich 2-3 Sth Melb (2007).

**Melbourne Knights v Hume City**
Mansion Stadium
Sun 12 Jul KO 3:00PM



Hume sent out a huge message to the rest of the competition on the weekend, and now must back it up when they face the Melbourne Knights. The Knights have been very dismal this season, and will most likely miss out on the finals. Hume have won their past two over the Knights, and will be favourites to make it three. **AWAY WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Hume 2-1 Knights (2009), Knight 0-1 Hume (2008), Hume 0-2 Knights (2008), DNP.

**Green Gully Cavaliers v Altona Magic**
Green Gully Reserve
Sat 11 Jul KO 4:00PM



Gully stated their finals ambitions last Friday, after coming away with all three points against the Knights. The Cavaliers will be looking to string three wins together, but will have to be wary of an Altona side that has the capability of turning a 0-3 score line into a 3-3 score in less than three minutes. **DRAW**

Last 5 Meetings: Altona 2-1 Gully (2009) Gully 1-1 Altona (2008), Altona 0-0 Gully (2008), Gully 5-1 Altona (2007), Altona 2-3 Gully (2006).

**Preston Lions v Oakleigh Cannons**
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 12 Jul KO 3:00PM



The Preston song has never been sung as loud as it had after the Lions secured their first win of the season on Sunday. Almost loud enough to have been heard by the Cannons to get them a bit anxious about this fixture they would have had pencilled in for an easy win just last week. The Cannons should be to strong. **AWAY WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Oak 3-0 Prest (2009) Prest 2-0 Oak (2008), Oak 1-2 Prest (2008), Oak 0-1 Prest (2007), Prest 0-0 Oak (2007).

**Dandenong Thunder v Sunshine Georgies**
George Andrews Reserve
Sat 11 Jul KO 6:00PM



Dandenong got their first taste of defeat last week, and will be ensuring they don't have to experience again. It's never easy to face a top team after they lose, but that's exactly what Sunshine must do. Sunshine have been very impressive over the last couple months, and can come into this fixture confident of coming away with some points. **DRAW**

Last 5 Meetings: Sun 0-1 Dand (2009) Sun 1-2 Dand (2008), Dand 0-2 Sun (2008), Dand 0-2 Sun (2004), Sun 1-0 Dand (2004).

**Heidelberg Utd v Whittlesea Zebras**
Olympic Park (Village)
Mon 13 Jul KO 8:30PM



Heidelberg learnt a very valuable lesson last week, no matter how big of a lead you have, it can be gone in a matter of minutes. The Bergers looked very impressive for the first 75mins against the Magic and could go close this season if they can replicate those 75mins for the rest of the season. The Zebra's can't buy a win at the moment. **HOME WIN**

Last 5 Meetings: Heid 1-0 Whit (2009) Heid 1-2 Whit (2008), Whit 1-2 Heid (2008), Heid 2-2 Whit (2007), Heid 3-1 Whit (2006).



VPL RESULTS

Melbourne Knights 0

Green Gully 1
(SP Burton)

Sunshine Georgies 1
(J Sapazovski)

Oakleigh Cannons 1
(J Karpeh)

Hume City 3
(M Bosevski A Opazo A Vlahos)

Dandenong Thunder 0

Altona Magic 3
(D Mladenovic K Taseski T Saric)

Heidelberg Utd 3
(M Tsiorlas J Drossos O Ederaro)

Preston Lions 2
(M Hana 2)

Richmond 1
(M Lujic)

South Melbourne 4
(V Coveny F De Moraes 2 G Zoric)

Whittlesea Zebras 0

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Goran Zoric, South Melbourne 10
Joe Di Iorio, Dandenong Thunder 7
Zoran Petrevski, Hume City 7



VPL UNDER 21 DETAILS

Melbourne Knights 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 3, Sunshine Georgies 4 Oakleigh Cannons 2, Hume City 4 Dandenong Thunder 2, Altona Magic 1 Heidelberg Utd 1, Preston Lions 1 Richmond 2, South Melbourne 3 Whittlesea Zebras 1

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Hume City	17	6	2	9	28	33	17
Dandenong Thunder	17	4	2	11	22	41	14

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DANDENONG
THUNDER



Hume City has ended Dandenong Thunder's 14 game unbeaten run with a surprising and comfortable 3 nil victory over the title contenders at Broadmeadows Valley Park.

From the start of the 1st whistle Hume had an attacking mind frame and Dandenong were on the back foot and were struggling to find their feet.

Ross Thompson had an early attempt on goal with a cracking half volley from 35 yards out but the ball just went over and had Stuart Webster on his toes.

Tony Sterjovski who is one of the better left wingers in the Victorian Premier League was causing major problems for Thunder as he was consistently providing pin point crosses to his team mates.

After defending for 20 minutes, Dandenong made a quick break through the middle where Ryan Davidson was put through by Alexander Tabor and Ryan's effort on goal forced Lou Acevski into a great save to keep the scores level.

As the 1st was in its mid stages Dandenong were slowly getting back into the game with a couple half chances on goal, but failure to capitalize on those chances had proven to be costly on the 28th minute mark.

Hume city received a free kick 25 meters out, couple meters in from the touch line. Tony Sterjovski got behind the ball and whipped in a perfect cross which found Fonzi Opazo who made a well timed run, got high and headed past Stuart Webster to give Hume a deserved lead.

Just minutes later Thunder almost got the quick reply.

Joseph Di Iorio's attempt on goal was partially saved by Lou Acevski, and in a goal mouth scramble Hamlet Armenian blazed over the goals.

Thunder were lifting and inspirational Colin Quirk was consistently creating play and assisting his forwards with precise passing as he again set up Di Iorio but Lou Acevski held firm with a clean grab.

Tony Sterjovski was in the action again when he provided a dangerous cross which was headed out partially but Mitch Bosevski got on the end of it, intelligently cut it back to Ross Thompson who agonizingly shot wide.

With minutes remaining Hume City doubled their lead with a bit of luck. Andy Vlahos received the ball in his attacking half, held the ball up, twisted and turned then put Mitch Bosevski on goal, who then cut back on his left and with a deflection the ball got past a stumped Stuart



All eyes on the ball as a Thunder effort skies over Lou Acevski's bar, whilst Alfonzo Opazo looks like he's about to fake off after it.

Webster and Hume took a 2 goal lead into half time.

With Dandenong crowd roaring and belief that they still could manage a result you felt as if the game had still plenty left in the jug.

But 3 minutes into the 2nd half the Hume City fans were roaring.

Ross Thompson's attempt on goal was blocked but the ball then fell to Andy Vlahos who spectacularly sliced the ball into the back of the net to give his team a 3 goal lead.

After the 3rd goal Hume City shut down Dandenong's run of play, it was turning into a scrappy game. Chances were few with Dandenong coming closest as they had an attempt cleared off the line by youngster Jason Davidson and another save by Lou Acevski denying Di Iorio again and that left the final scores at 3 nil to Hume City.

Next week Dandenong Thunder is hosting Green Gully which should be an exciting encounter and in a fortnights time Hume City travel to Mansion stadium to play against Melbourne Knights.

Hume City:

30- L. Acevski, 3- J. Davidson, 7- I. Erdogan, 6- S. Pir, 16- T. Baser, 12- R. Thompson, 4- B. Beni, 20- M. Bosevski 79'), 8- A.

Opazo, 10- Toni Sterjovski (J. Munoz 75'), 11- A. Vlahos (B. Kocak 68')

Subs not used: A. Gulpinar, A. Hrehoresin, S. Oksuz, C. Ucarli

Dandenong Thunder:

23- S. Webster, 2- J. Hingert, 13- S. Rexhepi, 6- L. Osman, 8- S. Bailey, 22- C.

Quirk

11- J. Thomas (A. Kristo 60'), 16- R. Davidson, 12- A. Tabor (A. Clapham 60'), 10- J.

Di Orio, 7- H. Armenian (D. Stirton 75')

Subs not used: Y. Dimassi, B. Vahid

Yellow Cards:

Hume City: L. Acevski, R. Thompson

Dandenong Thunder: R. Davidson, A. Kristo

Red Cards:

None

Goal Scorers: A. Opazo 28', M. Bosevski 43', A. Vlahos 48'

Man of Match : I. Erdogan

Crowd: 800



Ryan Davidson (Dandenong Thunder) beats the tackle by Hume City's Tansel Baser.

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RICHMOND
EAGLES



Sunday saw struggling Richmond visit B.T.Connor Reserve to face bottom of the league Preston Lions.

For the home side Aleksandar Stojanovski came into the starting line-up as goalkeeper following an injury to Damir Salcin in the 0-4 loss at Green Gully. Kliment Cocoski also came into the team in place of Michael Miskas. The Eagles, gave senior starting debuts to Enes Sivic and Stuart Wilson, with Dimitri Tsiaras and Richie Cardozo out through suspension.

Five minutes into the game a great ball from Lorenz Kindtner released Gary Wales out wide on the left, but the following cross flew over the head of Milos Lujic. Blaze Georgioski tried his luck from thirty yards shortly after, his effort going well over the bar. A good ball up the line from Sivic allowed Lujic to turn Chris Jones but he was unable to keep his cross in play.

In the sixteenth minute Igorce Kolevski blasted a shot over from outside the area after receiving the ball from a throw-in and turning sharply. A corner from Wales was headed away to the far post where Lujic volleyed a cut-back to George Goutzioulis, who in turn volleyed a shot over the crossbar.

Wales overhit a cross when played in out wide on the left by a good ball from Wilson approaching the half-hour mark. Bale Micovski did well to get into a good position in the penalty area a minute later, but his pull-

back from the right was eventually cleared. A headclash saw Terry Antoniadis leave the field to have a deep cut attended to, and the momentum was all with the home team as the first half came to a conclusion.

In the thirty-sixth minute Preston went the closest so far to grabbing the only goal, a shot screwing wide from one striker to the other, who then also miss-hit a shot. Three minutes later Martin Hana was less wasteful, finishing well after Micovski had crossed from the right to put the Lions ahead. The late rally saw the Lions deservedly enter the break holding their 1-0 lead, a first win of the season well within their sights.

The second half saw play fluctuate from end to end. In the fiftieth minute Hana dinked a ball over the top of the defence for Georgioski to run onto, the subsequent chip clearing the crossbar. Lujic pulled the ball back to Antoniadis after making a run down the left, the ball being played into the feet of Wales who then laid it back for Wilson to shoot, the ball going just wide of the post. A great ball from Micovski from the right towards the penalty spot allowed Hana to double the Lions lead in the fifty-seventh minute.

On the hour mark Peter Zois denied Hana in a one-on-one situation near the penalty spot. Goutzioulis shot wide from twenty-five yards three minutes later. When Hana switched the ball from right to left to find Ivan Filipovski in plenty of space in the

sixty-fourth minute, the resulting shot was easily saved by Zois.

A run down the left from Tom Milardovic began the build-up to Richmond pulling a goal back in the sixty-fifth minute. Milardovic passed to Goutzioulis who then found Wales. Wales played a good ball inside to release Lujic, who finished powerfully for his second goal since signing from Oakleigh Cannons.

A flick from Wales sent Lujic away on the left with fifteen minutes remaining, but he was fouled with the free-kick amounting to nothing. Goutzioulis again tried his hand from outside the area three minutes later, his shot flying just wide of the top corner. Substitute Vladimir Kostadinovski proved a handful for Richmond's defence with his pace on the counter attack in the final minutes. He hit the side netting when pushed wide by Stuart McCluskey after almost getting through to be one-on-one with Zois.

The end came shortly after, the Lions restoring some pride by notching their first win of the campaign. They will hope to continue their revival in another home game in the next round, against Oakleigh Cannons. Richmond will next face South Melbourne at home, a stern test indeed for a side in the midst of a severe form slump.

Preston Lions: A.Stojanovski, I.Filipovic, B.Micovski, I.Kolevski (D.Jovanovski 88'), R.Dajdovski, M.Hana (V.Kostadinovski 86'), B.Georgioski, A.Branov, C.Jones, B.Tenovski, K.Coceski.

Goals: Hana 38' 57'

Yellow Cards: Georgioski 44' Tenovski 74' Micovski 88' Filipovic 89'

Red Cards: None

Richmond: P.Zois, T.Antoniadis, S.McCluskey, G.Wales, G.Goutzioulis, E.Sivic (D.Black 76'), S.Wilson, T.Milardovic, L.Kindtner (M.Catalano 55'), M.Lujic, A.Viola (T.Uskok 82').

Goal: Lujic 65'

Yellow Cards: None

Red Cards: None

Man of the Match:
Bale Micovski (Preston Lions)

Venue: B.T.Connor Reserve
Crowd: 400

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GREEN GULLY
CAVALIERS



A solitary goal from Steven Burton was enough to secure all three points for the Green Gully Cavaliers against a dismal Melbourne Knights at Mansion stadium on Friday night.

With the season entering its final stages, the Knights had to secure all three points to keep their slim hopes of playing finals alive. The home side dominated the majority of the first half, but failed to convert chances into goals which has been a major problem for the Knights this season.

The Knights had their first opportunity on goal after Ryan Ollerton lost possession in midfield, Cameron Watson played Greg Draper though on goal, however Tilovski was quick to react and clear the danger.

Tilovski was called into action

again midway through the half, saving a point blank shot from Mate Dugandzic after some good build up play from Watson and Groenewald.

Despite dominating possession, the Knights continually failed in the final third of the pitch. Whilst the visitors attempts to push forward were met by the resilient force of Craig Elvin in the heart of the Knights defence.

After some stern words from coach Peter Ollerton, the Cavaliers came out in the second half with renewed vigour.

Green Gully were unlucky not to take the lead midway through the second half, after Kole Delev hit the cross bar with his effort after a corner caused panic in the Knights defence.

Joel Nikolic and Andy Vargas

started to stamp their authority on the game, with the latter making a mazy run and shot on goal as the visitors turned up the heat on the Knights.

The Cavaliers were rewarded for the efforts in the 75th minute. Sanders flick on a Ollerton cross onto the cross bar, with Steven Burton the quickest to react and nod home from point blank range.

Greg Draper almost got the Knights back level immediately, after a long throw from Grbesa was flicked on by Mate Dugandzic created the chance, but Tilovski was on hand again to palm the ball away.

With the Knights season slipping away, captain Crag Elvin desperately tried to lift his team, but lacked the same level of passion and commitment from a number of

his team mates.

Disappointingly for the Knights and their supporters, a late charge never came as the Cavaliers held on to their advantage with relative ease.

The Knights have a week off, before they tackle the red hot Hume City outfit at Mansion stadium on Sunday, whilst the Cavaliers will again travel to Dandenong this Sunday to complete their fixture that was abandoned due to light failure a fortnight ago.

MATCH STATS:

SHOTS: MK 11 GG 7

TARGET: MK 3 GG 4

CORNERS: MK 1 GG 3

Melb Knights Line Up: Fluss, Cumming, Cannell, Grbesa, Elvin, Sherman (Pulman 59'), Groenewald, Draper, Watson, Dugandzic, Lagana.

Not Used: Young, Kiratzoglou, Fitzgerald, Norton.

Goals: None

Yellows: Pulman 84'.

Green Gully Line Up: Tilovski, Burton, Fak, Drake (Adam 67'), Dolev, Fleming, Cardozo, Sanders, Ollerton, Vargas, Nikolic (Behich 82').

Not Used: Roza, Medjedovic, Ferreira.

Goals: Burton 75'

Yellows: None

MoM: Craig Elvin (MK)

Crowd: Approx 500 @ Mansion Stadium.



Gully's Steve Burton heads home the winning goal against the Knights on Friday night.

By Andrew Fisher

Photos by Steve Starek

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Georgies Stretch Unbeaten Run To Ten Games



SUNSHINE
GEORGIES

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OAKLEIGH
CANNONS



The Sunshine Georgies have extended their unbeaten run to ten straight games with a home 1-1 draw against a resilient Oakleigh cannons side in a rare Saturday Premier League game at Chaplin Reserve. John Sapasovski opened the scoring with a first half effort before a second half penalty from Jerry Karpeh gave the visitors a share of the spoils.

The game started off as a cagey affair, with both sides trying to get into the game and impose their dominance over the other, especially in midfield. Billy Damianos and George Papadopoulos were each trying to pull the strings but it was Sunshine who slowly began to develop a fluid style of play and to begin to open

up opportunities. Each team had a few half chances and it was really from a half chance when John Sapasovski blasted a free kick from all of thirty yards out which deceived everybody and beat Cannons keeper Scott Augustin, much to the delight of the home supporters.

Oakleigh however almost scored straight from the resumption with the ball falling to a player returning to a ground he once played at for the Georgies in Trent Waterson, Trent unleashed a stinging volley which beat Martin John but whistled past the upright. Sunshine held on to their lead until the referee blew the half time whistle and went into the break a goal to the good.

The game resumed and Sunshine was piling all the pressure onto the Oakleigh goal.

Oakleigh had some good possession but never really threatened the Sunshine defence, who were comfortably dealing with any threats. At the other end of the field Fidel Richards and John Sapasovski were causing plenty of headaches for the Cannons defence however. The Cannons though soon got a lucky break when an innocuous ball into the Sunshine penalty box bobbed up and was handled by Jack Webster. Whilst it may be considered harsh by some Sunshine fans the foul was definitely committed and Jerry Karpeh stroked the resulting penalty to the left side of the goal whilst sending Martin John the wrong way.

The game petered out and although both teams had a few half chances to snatch full points, no one was able to grasp control of the

game and both teams seemed content to settle for a draw.

Next week there are no VPL games, being a catch up round, but the week after the Oakleigh Cannons travel to take on the hapless Preston Lions at the BT Connor Reserve, whilst Sunshine travel to George Andrews Reserve to take on the table topping Dandenong Thunder who will surely be smarting after their first loss of the season.

Incidentally, Sunshine have now gone unbeaten since the Thunder came to Chaplin reserve earlier in the season, so it will be a good chance to make a statement against the team that has set the pace all season. Oakleigh will be looking for a good win against a team in Preston who have unfortunately had their worst season in their 50 years of existence.

Scorers

Sunshine: J. Sapasovski 34,
Oakleigh: J. Karpeh 64(Pen)

Bookings Sunshine: J. Clancy 76 Oakleigh:
F. Rosman 34, R. Diaco 81 Red Cards: None

Sunshine M. John, N. Schwal, J. Clancy, C. Konstas, G. Papadopolous, B. Cogger (P Kotsupias 82), N. Hooks, J. Webster, A. Kearney, F. Richards, J. Sapasovski (D. Hatzimouratis 78)

Unused Subs: A. Pecora, E. Christodolou, C. Brown

Oakleigh S. Agustin, F. Rosman, S. Drakos, T. Waterson, J. Nilo (R. Diaco 76), B. Damianos, J. Karpeh, I Franjic, A. Drakos, S. Webster, J. Kozic (B. Obradovic 61)

Unused Subs: A. Cagalj, S. Hatzikostas, A. Rojas

Referee K. Dockerty

MOTM G. Papadopolous
Venue Chaplin Reserve
Crowd Approx 400

By Reuben Schembri

Photos by Daniel Flis



The Sunshine Georgies players mob John Sapazovski as Andy O'Dell's team stretch its unbeaten run to ten games with a hard fought draw against Oakleigh Cannons, but also but slip out of the top five.



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MAGIC

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HEIDELBERG
UNITED



Altona Magic has dramatically drawn 3-3 with Heidelberg United in their clash at Paisley Park on Saturday night.

Magic fought back from a three goal deficit late in the second half to level the game within a frenzied three minute spell through goals to Saric, Mladenovic & Tasevski in the 77th, 78th & 79th minutes cancelling out Heidelberg's 3-0 half-time lead.

The visiting Heidelberg United outfit appeared to have the game well in their keeping for the first 70 minutes, but following the substitution of VPL top scorer Osagie Ederaro, Altona sensed a window of opportunity & eventually it was the visitors who were left to rue two dropped points & suffer a serious blow to their final five chances.

The first half of the game belonged to Heidelberg, who with Tsiolas & Ederaro up front, looked to threaten the Altona defence at every opportunity. The opening goal came in the 4th minute through Jim Drossos, who drilled home a shot after Marininos Gasparis had made a run in behind the Altona defence on the right & was able to play a cut back ball to the oncoming Drossos, who gave the 'Bergers the lead. Less than 10 minutes later, Gasparis again found room on the right, but this time rather than play the ball across the box, his speculative shot was parried wide by Bojo Jevdjovic in the Altona goals.

Osagie Ederaro, who by this stage was leading Altona's Steve Laurie a merry dance, provided strike partner Mark Tsiolas with Heidelberg's sec-

ond goal in the 20th minute. Having received the ball on the left, Ederaro teased the Altona defence for long enough to draw three defenders to him, allowing him to slip a square pass to Tsiolas, who rattled home a low shot past Jevdjovic.

With Heidelberg well on top, Altona were constantly on the back foot & it was Ederaro who made it 3-0 in the 36th minute, after being on hand to tap in a simple goal after Jevdjovic had failed to properly hold a long free kick effort from Eric Vassiliadis.

Half-time saw both sides make enforced changes as Heidelberg brought on Magnacca for the injured Hockless & Altona's Con Anthopoulos went off to be replaced by Adam Fadljevic. Before the hour mark, Heidelberg twice had great opportunities to wrap up the match with a fourth strike. Ederaro missed a simple lob, hitting the ball well over when one on one with the 'keeper, this after having sprung the offside trap & with the goal seemingly at his mercy. Moments later, Gasparis' curling shot was expertly tipped wide by a relieved Jevdjovic. Altona replaced the largely ineffectual Curcija with Saric on the hour mark & ten minutes later, Heidelberg replaced the dangerous Ederaro with Alilovic. With the score still at 3-0, no-one at the ground could sense the drama about to unfold. However, there were a few signs that Altona, largely outplayed for the first 70 minutes, were gradually gaining more possession in the middle. Heidelberg, seemingly content with their buffer, were twice caught in possession deep in their own territory,

and were nearly made to pay when a Pece Siveski shot forced Gavalas into a sprawling save.

In the 77th minute, a ball played into the feet of Tony Saric saw the Altona substitute wriggle free of his marker to net from close range and give Altona a glimmer of hope at 3-1. Just a minute later, Heidelberg skipper Tony Ouliaris was robbed of the ball and Mladenovic hit a deflected shot past Gavalas to narrow the deficit to 3-2. With the home side now sensing a real opportunity, they forced a corner that was whipped in from the right & Tasevski rose to powerfully head home the equaliser and leave the score at 3-3. Remarkably, Altona had scored three times in as many minutes to stun Heidelberg, who must have left Paisley Park wondering how they'd managed to let a commanding lead evaporate so quickly.

The last 10 minutes of play saw end to end action as both sides sought a killer late winner, but neither was able to achieve this.

The result leaves Altona clinging to fifth spot, whilst Heidelberg now are in seventh spot, two points out of the top five & in danger of missing a finals' spot. Next week sees a one-week break for the VPL competition. Altona travel to Green Gully on Saturday, July 11th at 4:00pm, whilst Heidelberg host Whittlesea at the Olympic Village on Monday, July 13th at 8:30pm.

Final score at Paisley Park: Altona Magic 3 (Saric 77', Mladenovic 78', Tasevski 79') drew with Heidelberg United 3 (Drossos 4', Tsiolas

19', Ederaro 35')

Players of the Match: Osagie Ederaro (Heidelberg United) & Pece Siveski (Altona Magic)
Crowd: 600

Team Line Ups:

ALTONA MAGIC: Jevdjovic; Laurie, Mladenovic, Anthopoulos (Fadljevic 46'), Recchia, Curcija (Saric 61'), Siveski, Tasevski, Riccobene, Bozinovski, Kalmar (Bojku 75')

Subs not used: Calleja, Roganovic (GK)

Yellow Cards: Bojku 82'

Red Cards: Nil

HEIDELBERG UNITED: P. Gavalas; Roberts, Jones, Ouliaris, Ameti, Vassiliadis, Tsiolas (Galleri 79'), Hockless (Magnacca 46'), Drossos, Gasparis, Ederaro (Alilovic 70')

Subs not used: L. Gavalas (GK)

Yellow Cards: Ouliaris 82'

Red Cards: Nil

In the U/21's match, Altona Magic 1 drew with Heidelberg United 1

By John Fotinos

Photos by Steve Starek



The Bergers are living on easy street, much to Mark Tsiolas' deight.



The Magic are on the way back from the dead.

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WHITTLESEA
ZEBRAS

South Melbourne FC has climbed back up to second position on the league table following a comprehensive 4-0 win against the Whittlesea Zebras on Sunday afternoon at Bob Jane Stadium.

The home side wore a special heritage strip (white with a red V on the front) as a tribute to the first few years of South Melbourne Hellas' existence when this shirt was worn before the change in colours to blue and white.

South entered the match on the back of a disappointing away draw against the Melbourne Knights and having dropped from second to fifth position due to other results on the weekend. Whittlesea entered in a contrasting position, with the Zebras deep in relegation danger and needing a confidence-boosting win.

South began the match well and opened the scoring after only two minutes. Left back Rhodri Payne's long ball set Vaughan Coveny through one-on-one with the Zebras keeper and the forward kept his cool and calmly



South Melbourne's Vaughan Coveny flies with a the goalmouth header against the Zebras yesterday.



Joey Yusuf wins the tussle for South

lobbed the ball over the advancing keeper and into the back of the net.

The home side remained in complete control of the match but were unable to score the killer second goal until 10 minutes before halftime. The ball bounced kindly for Fernando de Moraes around the edge of the area and the midfielder hit a lovely shot that flew into the top left corner of the goal.

The match should have been over as a contest shortly after the halftime break when Francesco Stella intercepted a ball played across goals and was through one-on-one with the keeper. However Stella chose to round the

keeper and shoot instead of placing a shot into the corner of the goal and as a result was quickly dispossessed.

Goran Zoric ended any feint hopes of a Zebras fight back when he added South's third for the afternoon. Captain Rama Tavsancioglu made an excellent run down the right side and his cut-back found an unmarked Zoric who had no problems in putting the ball in the back of the net.

Zoric doubled his tally five minutes later and made the score 4-0 when he snuck down the right side and was supplied an excellent through-ball by

Fernando. Zoric hit a first time shot that flew across the ball and into the corner of the goal.

The league has a catch-up round next week so both sides have a break. South opens round 17 with an away trip to Kevin Bartlett Reserve to take on the Richmond Eagles. The match kicks off at 8:30pm on the 10th of July. Whittlesea has another away match, this time against Heidelberg at Olympic Village.

Man of the Match – Goran Zoric

By George Kouroumalis

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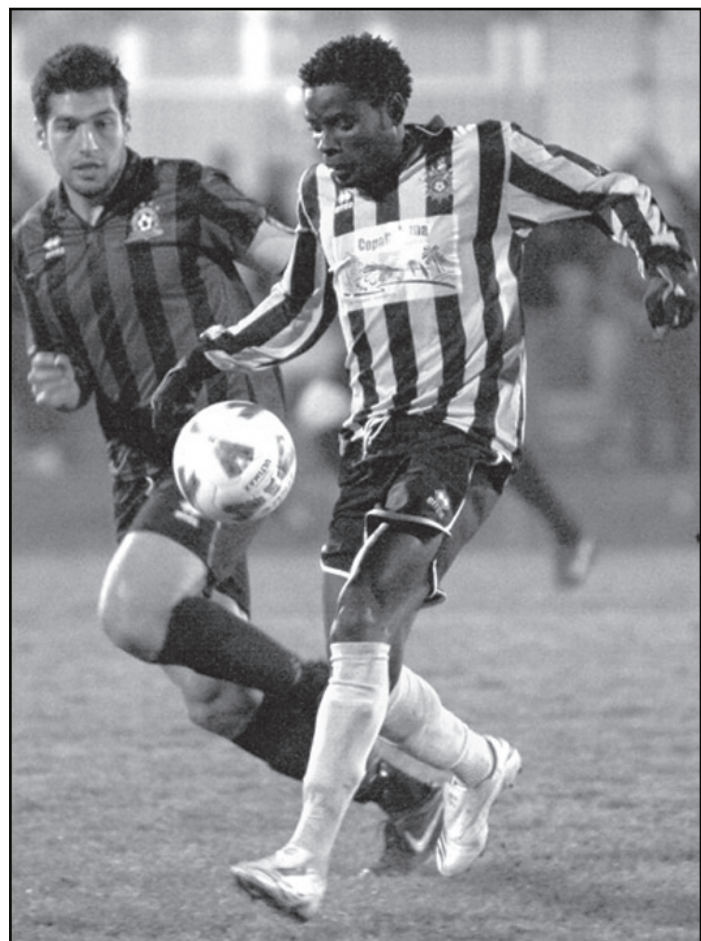
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Gully's Ryan Ollerton gets a close look at Melbourne Knights' Josh Groenewald boot, while Josh gets a taste of leather. Photo: Steve Starek

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Altona Magic's Carl Recchia keeps the pace with Heidelberg's Osagie Edararo. Photo: Steve Starek



Sunshine Georgie's Nick Schwal and Oakleigh Cannons' Juan Nilo compete for the ball in the 1-1 draw at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday. Photo: Daniel Flis



South Melbourne line up against the Whittlesea Zebras in a replica of their original strip. Photo: Peter Kakalias



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Heat Raised A Notch In The Race For Finals Spots

Box Hill Inter, copped their second loss in three weeks going down to South Melbourne 3-2 leaving second placed Heidelberg within striking distance of the top spot, after round 11 of the Womens Victorian Premier League (WVPL).

South Melbourne have been the most improved team of the WVPL in 2009 comfortably sitting in the top four most of the season, after narrowly avoiding relegation last season. Knocking off the defending champions at home is South's biggest scalp of the year and one that must give them much needed confidence after going down to Heidelberg 3-1 last week. The game was all locked up at 1-1 at half time after Jade Barnden put South Melbourne in front only for Georgia Koutrouvelis to find the equalizer for Box Hill.

South Melbourne came out hard in the second and were rewarded when Aimee Benton scored from a long range free kick which was closely followed by another from Jade Barden putting them two goals clear. Chiara Romano scored a consolation goal for Box Hill minutes before the whistle in what was a disappointing night for the home team. Inter's 2009 unbeaten run was stopped by Casey Comets three weeks ago when they beat the defending premiers at Wembley Park and but Box Hill bounced back last week to thrash the lesser ranked, Geelong. This weekends loss to South Melbourne is only the second time they have lost this season and only the second loss at home



Alex Gummer (Comets) pounces on the loose ball, and with with Preston keeper Jaime Floros out of position, a goal is inevitable.

in the past four year. Casey Comets got another good win under their belts, defeating the Preston Lions 4-1 at Comets Stadium making it a hatrick of wins for the young team under the guise of the league's only female coach, Deb Nicholls. Preston bolted out of the blocks when Sarah Sumner opened the Lion's account in the tenth minute. But from that point it was all Casey as Alexandra Gummer did the damage for the Comets bagging two, while Nicola Prins also contributed with one. Preston's nightmare was complete when they also conceded an own goal. Casey are another improved team in the

WVPL in 2009 sitting in fourth position in the league after finishing seventh last year and now must surely have finals football in their sights. Sandringham did their chances of a top five finish no harm when they defeated the still winless Bendigo Vipers 3-0, for their fourth win of the season. Ashlee Good, Keryn Walters and Emma Runnalls all scored a goal a-piece for Sandringham which leaves the team in sixth position, just behind Ashburton on goal difference, but five points clear of their nearest rival Preston. Ashburton also had a good win over-coming Geelong Regional Football Association 3-1 in Geelong. The game was all tied up at 1-all at the main break after Anne Salte opened Geelong's account while Paola Bernini got Ashburton's first. Geelong must have felt they had a chance at their first home win of the year but Ashburton proved too strong as Paola Bernini booted another and Giselle Fields also contributed to hand the visitors their third win of the season.

Heidelberg had the bye this week but would fancy them selves a huge chance to grab the top spot from Box Hill after the mid-season break. There is only a two point difference between Heidelberg and Box Hill and the defending champions will sit out the next round with a bye, so if the Bergers can clinch a win next game they will claim top position. There are only eight points separating the top four teams in the WVPL with South Melbourne on 19 points and Casey sitting on 16, with Ashburton and Sandringham both on 12 points each and taking fifth and sixth positions respectively.

By Emma Field

Photo by John Punshon

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Box Hill Inter	10	8	0	2	36	11	24	
Heidelberg Utd	9	7	1	1	23	9	22	
Casey Comets	10	6	1	3	28	12	19	
South Melb	10	6	1	3	23	17	19	
Ashburton	10	4	3	3	27	14	15	
Sandringham	8	4	0	4	16	13	12	
Preston Lions	10	1	4	5	13	28	7	
GRFA	10	1	0	9	8	49	3	
Bendigo Vipers	9	0	2	7	3	24	2	

WPL RESULTS

Box Hill Inter 2
(G Koutrouvelis C Romano)
South Melbourne 3
(A Benton J Barnden 2)

Bendigo Vipers 0
Sandringham 3
(A Good K Walters E Runnalls),

Casey Comets 4
(A Gummer 2 NJ Prins Own Goal)
Preston Lions 1 (S Sumner)

GRFA 1 (A Salte)
Ashburton 3 (P Bernini 2 GT Fields)

WPL ROUND 12

Bendigo Vipers v Casey Comets
Epsom Huntly Recreation
Sat 11 Jul KO 2:45PM

Preston Lions v GRFA
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 12 Jul KO 1:00PM

Bye v Box Hill Inter
Sun 12 Jul KO 1:00PM

Ashburton v South Melbourne
Ashburton Park Sun 12 Jul KO 3:00PM

Sandringham v Heidelberg Utd
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Mon 13 Jul KO 8:30PM

RESERVES

Box Hill Inter 3 South Melbourne 4, Bendigo Vipers 0 Sandringham 3, Casey Comets 3 Preston Lions 0, GRFA 0 Ashburton 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Sandringham	8	7	1	0	31	5	22	
Ashburton	10	6	1	3	31	10	19	
Box Hill Inter	10	6	1	3	27	14	19	
South Melb	10	6	1	3	26	20	19	
Casey Comets	10	5	1	4	19	11	16	
Heidelberg Utd	9	4	2	3	15	13	14	
Bendigo Vipers	9	2	2	5	14	22	8	
Preston Lions	10	1	1	8	7	28	4	
GRFA	10	1	0	9	3	50	3	



Alex Gummer (Comets) gets past Jess Cvetkovska's tackle



With Mark Boric

BOO'S WORLD



The FFV Tribunal dealt with the brawl between Frankston Pines and St.Albans in a pretty drastic manner, suspending both clubs for the rest of the season.

Whilst it was a serious incident, the punishment seems very harsh given precedents set over the years. Though as we have learnt through a leading VPL coach, a life ban from the VSF/FFV does not necessarily mean life.

No further news on the Soccerroos email story. Still to be determined if the email from a mystery player to the Daily Telegraph complaining about Timmy Cahill's antics was legitimate, or a hoax. The fact that it claims he also saw email correspondence from Kevin Rudd makes it somewhat suspicious though.

When it comes to getting punished in Asia, Newcastle Jets this week were at the Barlow and Chambers end of the scale as opposed to the Scharpelle Corby side. Killed off swiftly and ruthlessly by Pohang Steelers, a look at the score in the top corner of the screen had me checking if I was still on the Fox Sports channel covering

Wimbledon.

Confederations Cup time would make a few nostalgic for the days when we were Kings of Oceania. Now it is New Zealand who get the free pass.

The woman who slept with over 200 AFL players is apparently receiving counselling funded by the AFL Players Association. You would think that after so many years of outstanding service they'd have given her Life Membership already! Whilst going off topic, I also heard the King of Pop died during the week. No, not Rick Astley, but Michael Jackson apparently.

Already doing the rounds is the first wave of jokes. Here's a sample: What's the difference between Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson? One was into Majors the other into minors.

Geez, I dunno, there really are some sick people out there...

Finally, Katsa's Korner will return next week. Unfortunately his son, Nick, broke his tibia playing for Malvern City against Port Melbourne in the State League SE 2

fixture on the weekend. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Tragic news for Exeter City fans during the week as their No.1 fan will no longer be around to watch their traditional FA Cup 3rd Round exit.

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Swan Hill 0 v Shepparton 2
Cobram 2 v Echuca Moama 2
Gippsland 0 v Shepparton 2
Albury 8 v Swan Hill 0
Cobram 0 v Gippsland 7
Albury 2 v Shepparton 0
Echuca Moama 0 v Swan Hill 0
Shepparton 2 v Cobram 1
Echuca Moama 0 v Albury 10
Swan Hill 0 v Gippsland 3

11B
Ballarat 2 v GRFA 2
NESL 5 v Sunraysia 0
NESL 2 v Ballarat 1

Sunraysia 1 v Bendigo 9
GRFA 0 v Bendigo 1
Ballarat 4 v Sunraysia 0
Bendigo 6 v Ballarat 4
GRFA 2 v NESL 2
Sunraysia v GRFA
Bendigo v NESL

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12A
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Albury 3 v GRFA 2
Shepparton 2 v Bendigo 3
NESL 0 v Albury 4
GRFA 3 v Bendigo 0
Gippsland 0 v Shepparton 3

GRFA 2 v NESL 2
Bendigo 2 v Gippsland 0
Albury 6 v Shepparton 1
Bendigo 0 v NESL 2
Albury 2 v Gippsland 0
Shepparton 4 v GRFA 6

Monday 10:40am NESL v Shepparton
Gippsland v GRFA
Albury v Bendigo
Group A Final
1:50pm Final (1) v Final (2)

12B
Warrnambool 1 v Ballarat 5
Sunraysia 4 v Echuca Moama 1
Echuca Moama 1 v Swan Hill 3
Sunraysia 6 v Warrnambool 1
Swan Hill 0 v Ballarat 1
Echuca Moama 4 v Warrnambool 2
Ballarat 0 v Sunraysia 1
Warrnambool 1 v Swan Hill 6
Ballarat 2 v Echuca Moama 2
Swan Hill 1 v Sunraysia 1

Group B Finals
Monday 10:40am
Semi Final (1) v Semi Final (4)
Semi Final (2) v Semi Final (3)

2:00pm Winner (1v4) v Winner (2v3)

13A
Gippsland 5 v Albury 0
GRFA 1 v Bendigo 1
GRFA 4 v Gippsland 0
Bendigo 2 v Ballarat 2
Albury 2 v Ballarat 4
Gippsland 3 v Bendigo 0
Ballarat 0 v Gippsland 4
Albury 0 v GRFA 10

Monday 8:30am
Bendigo v Albury
Ballarat v GRFA

Group A Final
1:45pm First v Second

13B
NESL 2 v Shepparton 2
Sunraysia 3 v Swan Hill 1
Sunraysia 1 v NESL 2
Swan Hill 5 v Shepparton 4
Shepparton 0 v Sunraysia 6
NESL 2 v Swan Hill 0
Shepparton 2 v NESL 2
Swan Hill 0 v Sunraysia 2
NESL 4 v Sunraysia 1
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Sunraysia 4 v Shepparton 0
Swan Hill 0 v NESL 5

Group B Final Monday
12:00pm NESL v Sunraysia



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3:00 Football Asia
3:30 FIFA Futbol Mundial
4:00 Copa Libertadores Semi Final 2nd Leg
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10:45am Copa Libertadores Semi Final 2nd Leg
Gremio vs Cruzeiro LIVE

Saturday 4th July
9:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group A
Canada vs Jamaica LIVE
11:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group A
Costa Rica vs El Salvador LIVE

Sunday 5th July
1:30am All Ireland Qualifiers LIVE
8:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group B
Honduras vs Haiti LIVE
10:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group B
Grenada vs USA LIVE
5pm Scottish Masters Cup
8pm League of Ireland
St Patricks vs Shamrock Rovers
10pm Munster Football Championship Final
Teams TBC LIVE

Monday 6th July
6:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group C
Panama vs Guadeloupe LIVE
8:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group C
Nicaragua vs Mexico LIVE

Wednesday 8th July
8:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group A
Jamaica vs Costa Rica LIVE
10:55am CONCACAF Gold Cup Group A
El Salvador vs Canada LIVE

Thursday 9th July
10:45am Copa Libertadores Final 1st Leg
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Haiti vs Grenada
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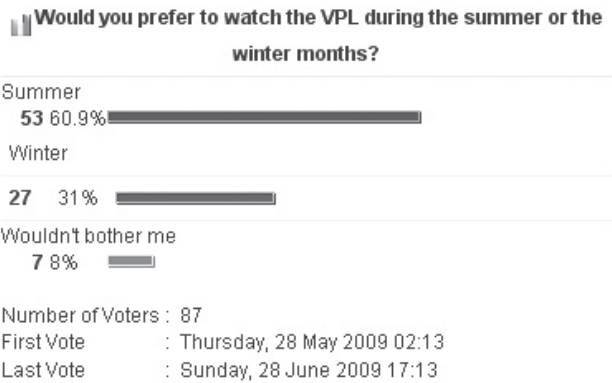
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- 'It's a Dutch invention, but we started it in Scotland.' - **ANDY ROXBURGH**
- 'What the difference is between three minutes to three and five o'clock, I'm not sure.'
- **JOHN REAMES (Lincoln chairman)**
- 'We have made an undertaking to Arsene Wenger and his family not to name our new coach.'
- **PETER HILL-WOOD**
- 'You'd have put your house on Ian Wright scoring that one.'
- **RICHARD KEYS to Paul Merson**
- 'The stars above Italian clubs' badges shows you how many times they have won the Gazzetta' - **DAVID JAMES**
- 'It's not just the manager who makes the decision, it's the player who makes the decision. They both decide fifty-fifty to make a decision.'
- **RUUD VAN NISTELROOY**
- 'Over the years a lot of great players have left United - I'm sure the same will happen to me one day.' - **ROY KEANE**
- 'Paul Scholes - the most complete mental player I've ever seen.'
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MARRIED: No
CAR: Audi
OCCUPATION OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL: Accountant
NICKNAME: Davo
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Hearts
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Played for Scotland Youths 17 times
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Zidane
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Wayne Rooney
FAVOURITE VPL PLAYER: Graham Hockless
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Mark Viduka
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Scott McDonald
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Making debut for Hearts at 18
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Scotland beating England at Wembley - Don Hutchinson header
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: Against Langy last year - 30 yarder in off the bar
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Going to the World Cup Italy '90
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Listening to Sterg going on about his glittering NSL career
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not comin to Oz earlier
WORST INJURY: NONE
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Tuguy
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: South Melb
SUPERSTITIONS: None
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Chicken pasta
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: Touch passing
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Not sure i have any
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Celtic
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Horse racing
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Roger Federer
FAVOURITE FOODS: Chips and chocolate
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Megan Gale
HOBBIES: Watchin EPL
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Ibiza
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Motel
IDEAL DATE: Megan Fox
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Home and Away
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Oasis / Dance
FAVOURITE FILM: Pineapple Express
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: Blue Man Utd
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: None
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Andy O'Dell training session
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play for as long as i can
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Alex Ferguson
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STARS SHINE AT JOHNNY WARREN FOUNDATION DINNER

Past and Present Greats Gather In Honour of a Legend

Johnny Warren loved of all things Brazilian, and the Samba dancers certainly turned the heat up on a chilly evening.

After saying last year, it just couldn't get any better, the Johnny Warren Foundation Dinner catered for 610 football aficionados last Tuesday at the idyllic La Montage Bayside Event Centre in Sydney.

The significance of the venue was not lost on the patrons who were familiar with the premises when it was the thriving licensed establishment of the Apia – Leichhardt Football Club during the 1970's and 1980's.

Johnny Warren had fought many battles with the great Apia teams during his career so the atmosphere which was created in the former football fortress was an ideal backdrop on the night.

Who could ever forget the great Apia players Pat Hughes, Fil Bottalico, George Blues, Archie Blue, Jim Sambrook, John Russell, Terry Butler, George Keith, Stan Ackerley, Cliff van Blerk, Willie Wallace and Marshall Soper who the true believers reflected about on this special occasion.

This emotion was further strengthened by the ranks of the former players who attended in increasing numbers.

The 1974 team was represented by coach Rale Rasic, Ray Richards and John Watkiss and George Harris, Jim Fraser and John Doyle who participated in the campaign in the lead up to qualifying for West Germany.

Also in the passing parade which ascended the staircase like a who's who of football were Brad Maloney, Lawrie McKinna, Kimon Taliadoros, Alex Tobin, Ahmad Elrich, Luke Casserley, Charlie Yankos, Nick Theodorakopoulos, current Socceroo, Bruce Djite, and the young Liverpool goalkeeping starlet, Dean Bouzanis.

Craig Foster, the M.C. for the night, emphasised in his introduction that Johnny Warren saw the greatest thing in life was celebrating with football people and it wasn't what the game could do for us but what we could do for the game, no matter what position you held in the game.

Brian Hastings, the Foundation Chairman, reiterated one of the main missions

of the organisation was to provide young players from all backgrounds, irrespective of their economic circumstances, the opportunity to develop at the highest level.

Jamie Warren, Vice Chairman of the Foundation, was so overwhelmed by the great response on the night that he realised how much Johnny Warren meant to the Australian football community and this was a source of great encouragement for his uncle's work to be carried on in contributing to the progress of the game.

To reinforce the success of the program, six young players who graduated from the Foundation program, were introduced to the audience by Craig Foster. Jared Lum, Marc Warren, Nicola Stanjovic, Emily van Egmond, Helen Petinos and Nicola Stan have all represented Australia at their respective age levels.

Johnny Warren had many friends in football but he was respected in all walks of life which was confirmed by the NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation, Kevin Green, who is an avid football supporter and coaches the Forest Rangers u/14A team in the Manly District Association.

In fact it was Kevin Green who asked Johnny Warren to put his name to the Hurstville Indoor Sports Centre in February, 2004.

A major highlight of the night was Les Murray's interview with Mark Bosnich about his development as a professional footballer and the obstacles he encountered in selecting football rather than the traditional sports as his chosen career.

Bosnich drew parallels with the fight Johnny Warren experienced in the cause of football which was reinforced in his immortal biography, "Sheilas, Wogs and Poofers".

However, it was the arrival of Socceroo superstar, Timmy Cahill, which set the audience on fire when he arrived at the hallowed premises.

There wasn't a mouth moving in the auditorium when Les Murray interviewed the great man about all in football, but significantly the recent World Cup campaign

and the prospects for next year's finals.

His comparison of coaches Guus Hiddink and Pim Verbeek were illuminating but one conclusion is unanimous; Cahill will never start on the bench for a Socceroo team again.

The presence of Cahill provided great impetus for the successful auction conducted by John Harker when a signed shirt of Kaka's fetched \$ 6,200 and two signed by Cahill reaped \$4,200 each. It was a night for mingling and the crowd couldn't get enough of Cahill as they surrounded him for photos and their attention. True professional he is, he signed every autograph and participated in every photo request.

It was great to see his former coach and mentor, John Doyle, the former Socceroo, receiving much rewarded accolades and recognition in the presence of his prodigy.

CEO, Francis Awaritefe, and the Foundation Board, cannot be praised enough for carrying off this great coup in attracting Cahill on the night and also providing one of the most memorable football nights in many years.

Also the wonderful work carried out by Ice Events, the event organiser, led by Gemma Cordony, should be highly commended for contributing to the success of the event.

The final duty was to pick a team in 4-3-3 formation.

GOALKEEPER Bouzanis
DEFENDERS Elrich, Watkiss, Yankos, Harris.
MIDFIELD Doyle, Cahill, Richards
STRIKERS Taliadoros, Djite, Awaritefe
2ND HALF SUBS Foster, Casserley, Maloney, Tobin.

COACHING STAFF Rasic, McKinna, Theodorakopoulos, Fraser.

By Roger Sleeman

Photos by Allan Booth



Former Socceroos John Doyle, Charlie Yankos and Tim Cahill with some of their many admirers.



Tim Cahill gives his signature of approval on a Socceroo shirt.



Leo Sayer entertained the crowd with a special appearance.



Mark Bosnich and SBS's Les Murray share a lighter moment.



FFA Ambassador Jeff Fenech with Tim Cahill and guest.



Three cheers for Johnny Warren!

MacKenzie At Large

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie



Thanks but no thanks

FROM one perspective I would like to thank Football Federation Victoria's tribunal for raising the profile of this publication.

From a more important perspective I am deeply disturbed from my understanding of what took place at last week's tribunal hearing which suspended Frankston Pines and St Albans Dinamo from competing in State One for the remainder of the current season.

The reason for my unease concerns my admittedly limited understanding of what I believe in legalese is often referred to as "due process".

Here is my understanding of some of the events that took place at last Wednesday evening's hearing.

I stress that I was not present at the hearing so what I am about to relate is hearsay but I firmly believe that it is in the public interest to relate what I have been told in good faith.

I have been told that during the hearing a copy of my column in last week's Goal! Weekly was brought to the attention of the parties involved by a tribunal member. I have been told that sections of my column had been highlighted and that the parties involved were told that it was not in the interests of the sport to have incidents published such as the one that led to the hearing.

What sticks in my craw here is that my understanding of how an FFV tribunal hearing should be conducted is that the parties involved should be asked to submit evidence pertinent to the case and should answer questions pertinent to the matter at hand and directed at them by any member of the three-person independent tribunal. What then has Goal! Weekly or any publication or media product got to do with an FFV tribunal? Please tell me so that we'll both know.

Is it fair to assume that my column had been read by at least one tribunal member prior to the hearing and is it possible in any way that that tribunal member entered the hearing with a preliminary view of at least some of the events that took place?

If so was that tribunal member fit to participate in the hearing?

I think that these questions need to be addressed.

Here's another question I would like FFV to address: Why do our rules of competition not allow Pines and St Albans to continue playing under a stay of proceedings until their appeals against last week's determinations are heard?

I wrongly assumed that such a rule existed until I spoke to Tribunal and Disciplinary Manager Maxwell Gratton last Friday.

"No, there is no rule pertaining to a stay of proceedings and that is made quite clear in our GDT (grievance disciplinary and tribunal) by-law," said Gratton.

What also is made quite clear in FFV's GDT by-law 2.5 is that one of the tribunal's objectives is: "To ensure that all charges ... shall be conducted fairly and in accordance with the principles of natural justice."

Is there anyone out there who can explain to me what is just or fair in a ruling that

stops clubs from competing before the judicial process has reached its conclusion?



Ref backs Pines, Saints

THE statement from the referee who officiated at the Pines v St Albans game clearly did not hold much weight with the tribunal members.

Here, in part, is what referee Sergio Terceiro's statement said:

"Frankston Pines were very good with our security and they made sure all precautions were taken to ensure our safety ...

"After speaking to both of my ARs (assistant referees) they do not have any issue in doing games at St Albans or at Frankston, and I also do not have a problem returning to both clubs in the future as I hope that this is a once[sic] off, and we do not need to see this ... between these two great clubs."

Didn't see it coming

THE more I hear about last week's tribunal hearing the more I reckon that both clubs were caught by a sucker punch.

Particularly St Albans Dinamo, which only was represented by secretary Joe Paulis. I'm sure the last thing on the minds of committee members at both clubs was that the charge of "club misconduct", if proven, could carry such a stiff penalty.

I have been told that Paulis brought a laptop with him and a DVD with YouTube coverage of part of the riot that took place at Monterey Reserve a couple of weeks ago. I assume that the footage from an anonymous filmmaker was supposed to show St Albans in a good light but having watched the footage I don't think it shows anyone in a good light.

Literally, because parts of it are dim and blurred and it's difficult to work out who the protagonists are.

History favours St Albans

IF LAST week's tribunal decision is not

overturned or varied on appeal it will condemn Pines to relegation from Division One.

It also will leave the St Albans players biting their fingernails and praying that the 21 points already gained is enough to avoid relegation.

But recent history is firmly on the side of the Churchill Reserve club as in every instance this century when just two teams have dropped down from State One, no relegated team has reached the 21-point mark. There have been seasons when relegated teams have reached 21 points or more but in every instance more than two clubs were relegated.

Brunswick City can count itself unfortunate to have struck an unusual situation in 2007 when four teams were dumped from Division One. That year Brunswick City amassed 24 points but still went down. Back in 2002, Westgate was one of three clubs relegated from State One despite gaining an impressive 27 points. Springvale White Eagles and Lalor United were the other clubs relegated that season. In season 2000, Yarraville reached the 21-point mark but still was relegated along with Richmond and Doncaster Rovers. Should Pines not play another competitive game this season they won't have to bear the burden of being the club with the lowest points total at the end of a Division One season.

Currently Pines have just five points but back in season 2001 Sunshine George Cross ended up with just two draws, nine goals for and 80 against. Fitzroy City fared marginally better in season 2004 when it recorded one win and one draw, 11 goals for and 87 against. Pines can take heart from the fact that George Cross bounced back in style and is mounting a campaign for a Premier League finals berth while Fitzroy City has arrested a drop through the leagues and currently sits on top of the Provisional One South-East ladder poised for a return to State League ranks.

Alibeyi walks into a storm

THERE'S little doubt that the suspension of St Albans Dinamo from State One took the manager of the club's excellent website at www.stalbanssaints.com completely by surprise.

The tribunal decision was delivered on the evening of Wednesday 24 June, which just

happened to be the last day available for new signings in the June transfer window for Division One clubs.

Earlier that day the club's website posted a news story hailing the signing of former player Metin Alibeyi. Here's what it said: "Highly rated 24 year old Metin Alibeyi has signed for the club from Fawkner Blues. "Metin returns for his second stint at the club having played in the 2005 season. He then moved onto Altona Magic and then onto Fawkner Blues. Metin is a highly versatile attacking player. He can either play up front or as a winger."

The website news story then quoted Alibeyi, who said: "It's great to be back at this fantastic club. I see this as a step up in my career [and] I hope that I settle in well and we can continue on our great run and win the league. We deserve to be back in the VPL; the club belongs there."

The website went on to say that "Metin will hopefully make his debut this weekend ... pending paperwork. We welcome Metin back to the club and wish him all the best." Alibeyi and his teammates have more reason than most to take great interest in the result of the club's tribunal appeal given that they were cooling their heels last weekend instead of being afforded the chance to maintain their promotion impetus by hosting relegation-threatened Southern Stars on Sunday.

Will Mitten get the nod?

FORMER Irish youth international Noel Mitten may be on the verge of being appointed the new senior coach of State Three South-East outfit Sandringham City.

Last week former Richmond captain James Baskerville and assistant coach Tommy Carmichael resigned from their positions.

The reserves coaching staff acted in a caretaker capacity during last weekend's away game against Waverley Wanderers.

I also hear that the Sillitoe Reserve outfit has signed a striker from Scotland who is expected to arrive shortly.

If Mitten takes over he has a mountain to climb with the club entrenched in last position in the league.

But the world game (some would have us believe that that phrase never existed until Les Murray became the first human to utter it) is a funny game (no idea who to attribute that phrase to) and only time will tell (not even Wikipedia can help me with that one) whether Mitten can effect the great escape (that's definitely from Steve McQueen).



The Saints will now have to cheer from the sidelines. Photo: Steve Starek

THE RETURN OF REAL MADRID

El Pres Perez Unleashes The Real Deal

For most rival clubs, it's like watching a chilling trailer to a horror sequel. Picture Real Madrid's President, Florentino Perez, in a horrifying close-up; hysterically trying to creating his new monster.

The infamous cinematic voiceover describes, "Just when you thought that his ways were old. And just when you thought 'La Galacticos' were dead, he comes back and creates some more. Hungrier than ever, just who can fulfil Perez's desire and stop his new 'Galacticos'. This summer, witness The Return of Real". As the screen fades to black, you are left munching on your popcorn, slightly unnerved, and realise that they are at it again – Real Madrid are back.

When Perez was re-elected as President, the football world took much caution, because Perez promised little in his attempt to bring in new faces. He promised to build a special 'project' in which he would bring special players to what is, or should, be a special club. Whenever they come out expressing their desires during the transfer window, fans and managers of various clubs tremble with fear because the lure of the Bernabeu is unlike most, especially when black suitcases are filled with fresh notes. However, for the last two years the other kids found it safe to go out and play during the transfer playtime because of Real's recent 'lack of lure', but now that Perez is back, Madrid have re-emerged as the transfer bullies and they are ready to hang the weaker kids upside down so that they can collect all the falling lunch money they crave.

Perez recently claimed that he has learned from his past mistakes and they would do things the 'right' way and indicated more of a 'background' stance in his current Presidency. But the cynics feel that it is a matter of leopards and spots; Perez is Perez and Madrid's men upstairs will continue to come down at will. With great power comes great responsibility, but it seems that Perez wants responsibility for creating a team which may just deem him irresponsible if 'old ways' begin creeping in, and of course, Perez is no Peter Parker even though his web has lured in the biggest names in world football.

Momentarily the world's most expensive player at nearly £60m, Kaka's record was shattered by the acquisition of Cristiano Ronaldo for a staggering sum of £80m. However, Perez, dribbling from the mouth with voracious hunger is still looking to add the likes of David Villa and Xabi Alonso to complete his new Galacticos and begin re-challenging for major honours. In saying this, it must be understood that although Kaka and Ronaldo pose an obvious threat for opposition defences, Perez's new 'Madrid monster' may not rise as quick



Hey Big Spender! Perez is splashing the cash at Real Madrid.

as he envisions. A couple of years shy from a decade, Perez created his first Real monster, the original 'Galacticos'. Zinedine Zidane became the most expensive player in the world by swapping Turin for Madrid in a £48m deal. Astonishingly, Real re-set the transfer record within the space of a year as Zidane's signing actually overtook Luis Figo's record breaking £37m contract buy-out from arch rivals Barcelona. Indeed, it was this very capture of Figo which had, and still has, the most significance in recognising Perez as the most powerful player in the transfer market; invariably, who he wants, he will get. The squad was strengthened the following year with superstar Ronaldo joining from Inter Milan for £22m and added to a formidable attacking line-up already consisting of Raul and Fernando Morientes. Even the biggest teams in world football struggled to show off one 'World Player of the Year' - Real had three. It was frightening, awe-inspiring but also very successful. This was the original 'super creation' which Perez promised, and delivered.

However, the potential problem for the Bernabeu regular, hoping for instant success is that when Zidane, Figo and Ronaldo joined Real Madrid to form an all-star line-up, they were already joining a thriv-

ing team. For one, the defence was in much better shape than it is now and included the flank-flourishing full-backs Salgado and a certain Mr. Carlos, whilst Fernando Hierro, Helguera and Pavon covered other defensive areas. Additionally, Makelele always 'had the attackers' backs' and Cambiasso and Solari were also present. Conversely, this current team have had little success to show for their market value with a mix of nearly-players including the likes of Van der Vaart, and once again it seems to be organised chaos on the Madrid green. Yes, the 'superstar' players will smoothen the edges, but the backline needs to be strengthened and the correct power needs to be put in place for Madrid's longevity of success. Perez always believed that the money spent on such transfers would be recuperated on and off the pitch. This belief was upheld during the first set of Galacticos, with domestic and European success and of course a very marketable club, but the risk on such reliance once again is huge.

As mentioned, one of those old habits of Perez risks reactivity with his summer signings. During that infamous 'Galactico' era, Perez's continuous direct relationship with the superstar players undermined the coaching staff and eventually there was the

inevitable unsettled changing room syndrome. It was claimed that if, for example Raul had a problem with the team selection or other personal matters, one phone call to the board room was sufficient enough to have demands met. Additionally, the executive members also moonlighted as scouts and left the coaching staff in nominal, but not assertive, positions. We could have believed Perez had 'changed' his ways in his current term but the 'Kaka and Ronaldo' seems to mirror the 'Figo and Zidane' – just whose signings were they? Obviously not Juande Ramos' signings since he knew his time was up long before he departed from Madrid's ever busy managerial airport, and such player demands of the current manager would have taken some audacity. Hence, Perez has changed as much as the size of Real's mysterious kitty – not much. For instance, at his monetary worth, if Ronaldo is not happy with a few things, he will let certain people know about it. If he wants to play, then he most probably will. Incidentally, amongst this entire circus, it can be forgotten that Real do have a manager who 'can' assert his authority. However, Perez's creation of fascinating transfer activity has glossed right over the prominence of Madrid's new manager. You may be forgiven for not being able to name him, let alone realise they have actually appointed a manager. For the record, his name... is...

Despite having a new manager and capturing the likes of Kaka and Ronaldo, perhaps the most vital addition to enhance their pulling-power is the acquisition of Zidane in his new role at the club. It could prove to be a profitable move on Madrid's part since Zidane is an iconic and hugely inspirational figure for many players. For managers with top French players in their squad, it should be a case of 'lock up your daughters'. Zidane has already personally met with Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery in order to negotiate a deal to bring him to the Bernabeu and simply because Zidane is the negotiator, I would not bet against Ribery's 'desire' to head to Spain rather than the Premiership, even if Munich have a different perspective. Moreover, the key area which Madrid should strengthen, even if they prefer not to, is the defence, which makes Arsenal's Gael Clichy a very attractive target – an easy target when Zidane is involved.

Until the transfer window closes, you can picture various managers exerting all their body weight in trying to shut it themselves, hoping that time flies by quicker than Perez's sleight of hand. Well, as long as the window remains open, we all have to make do with the chilling noise echoing outside – Perez's Real have returned. The intent is frightening. Remember, the intent.



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US YANK SPAIN'S CHAIN

Brazil Look To Avoid Another Upset In Final



It may not be the final that everyone was expecting, or wanting, but the Confederations Cup final will hopefully deliver a match filled with drama, goals and plenty of action representative of the 2009 tournament.

Before the tournament kicked off, many football pundits and supporters predicted and had their fingers crossed – that the 2009 Confederations Cup final would feature the world football's most efficient, effective and exciting sides - Brazil and Spain.

While Brazil upheld its part of the bargain, Spain forgot how to progress to a major tournament final, by flopping to competition underdog the United States.

With the top ranked south American team facing off against the top ranked north American side, Brazil vs the United States seems like a foreign fixture in international football.

Few doubt Brazil's capacity at reaching the final, and the Selecao are surely odds-on favourites to lift the trophy.

The Brazilians have had a glitch-free tournament, picking up maximum points in all their four fixtures thus far.

While their opening game against African qualifier Egypt was less than impressive, the Selecao recovered to thump the US 3-0 and demolished reigning world champions Italy by the same score line with a clinical display of counter-attacking football.

Their semi-final berth was expected from day one of the tournament, but the performance that they provided against a plucky South Africa, buoyed by the home crowd, was less than desirable.

South America's finest strike force, consisting of some of the world's greatest footballers in Robinho, Kaka and Luis Fabiano, that had previous run rampant throughout the tournament, was blunted by a brave display by the tournament hosts.

While in the group stage the Brazilians found the net on a regular occasion, 10 times in three games to be exact, Dunga's men struggled to create chances and counted themselves lucky to progress to the final; a late Daniel Alves free-kick the saviour for Brazil's blushes.

Now Brazil has the chance to be the first side to defend the Confederations Cup since France did so by winning back-to-back tournaments in 2003 and 2005.

France is the only team to have defended the trophy previously, and Brazil is well placed to become the second when they tackle the US this Sunday.

Few would argue that Brazil are already deserved winners of this year's tournament. Dunga's men have illustrated the true fla-



US forward Landon Donovan celebrates after the FIFA Confederations Cup semi-final football match Spain against the United States on June 24, 2009 at the Freet State stadium in Bloemfontein.

our and flair of Brazilian football and have been, by far, the most entertaining outfit. Their three-pronged strike force has been allowed to shine, and has illustrated the importance and beauty of attacking prowess in international football.

If the side is to falter against the US, it will be due to a shortcoming in defence.

But while their defence may be their only weakness – a weakness that has only been breached once this tournament in the opening game – the United States have few attacking options that can hurt Brazil. While their defeat of Spain was impressive to say the least, and an illustration of the magic of football – never write off the underdog – they surely will be unable to penetrate, and leave a significant impact on Brazil's net.

Brazil have been to finals previously, while it remains uncharted territory for the US, and the Brazilians, who offer quality all over the pitch, should use their superior personnel to inflict defeat on their north American rivals.

Manager Dunga has appeared to have matched a balance of youth and experi-

ence in this tournament's squad, with the controversial decision to leave the likes of Ronaldinho, Adriano and Diego out of the playing squad, a distant memory, and one that can no longer be criticised.

The Brazilian manager's faith in domestic-based talent has also reminded the world that there is a plethora of talent still residing in the Brazilian leagues, with the next generation of Brazilian stars shining in this year's competition.

Ramires, previously unknown before this tournament kicked off, is one such domestic-based figure who has produced impressive displays, and his performances from the right side of midfield have been a key feature of Brazil's success thus far.

With Robinho performing in a wide attacking role, Ramires has played a defensive role to break down opposition attacks, and has spread the play effectively when the Selecao are on the attack.

While football fans the world over are aware of Brazil's enviable talent, the US are far from attractive in terms of their team sheet.

Sure, we've heard of Landon Donovan, but

RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Group A	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
South Africa	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Iraq	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
New Zealand	3	0	1	2	0	7	1

South Africa 0:0 Iraq
New Zealand 0:5 Spain
Spain 1:0 Iraq
South Africa 2:0 New Zealand
Iraq 0:0 New Zealand
Spain 2:0 South Africa

Group B	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
USA	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Italy	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Egypt	3	1	0	2	4	7	3

Brazil 4:3 Egypt
USA 1:3 Italy
USA 0:3 Brazil
Egypt 1:0 Italy
Italy 0:3 Brazil
Egypt 0:3 USA

Semi Finals
Spain 0:2 USA
Brazil 1:0 South Africa

for a player who plies his trade in the US domestic league, there is no comparison against the likes of Kaka – who, incidentally, will probably be matched on the US's 'greatest' player – a player with 50 million + worth of talent.

The US's only hopes of gaining a result will inevitably rest on the performance of their opponents, and not on their tactics or team selection.

The US can probably only hope that they can use the momentum from their historic victory over Spain, and that Brazil has another below-par performance as they had in the semi-final against South Africa. It seems unlikely, due to the number of quality footballers Brazil have at their disposal, but football is a strange game and while the South Americans remain strong favourites, we can only look back on the position that Spain was in prior to defeat at the hands of the US to see that the underdog should never be written off.

By Julius Ross
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MAN CITY: A SQUAD BUILT ON THE LOVE OF MONEY

How to Marry a Millionaire is a film about three New York models who set-up an apartment with the express intention of using their talents to trap millionaires and marry them. Eventually they have the usual moral dilemma of whether they should indeed marry for love or money.

It's a similar story with Manchester City. Players join for the money not the love. £250m of it has been rumoured to be made available to Mark Hughes this off-season. While I haven't been impressed with Hughes' results as a manager or the players he has signed, he has remained in a job when better managers would have been fired. (Sven Goran Ericsson finished higher in the league and was booted.)

Kuwaiti clemency means he begins the task of preparing his expensive squad for the upcoming 2009-10 season. Before then he needs to find out what that squad will consist of.

Expectations

Before we come to that let's examine what the expectations are at City for the upcoming season. The Kuwaiti owners have targeted a top four finish within the next few years with next season's goal being European football for the Mancunians, who finished a lowly 10th last term.

The owners are nothing if not boringly level-headed. They see themselves as building something for the long term so we probably won't see the level of hiring and firing they have on an annual basis at Chelsea.

However, if City are to get into Europe via the league it would mean bypassing West Ham, Tottenham and Fulham as well as either Aston Villa or Everton. They can't rely on 7th place to bring European football like it did the season just gone.

Call me crazy but, as Aston Villa has shown, this is by no means a pipe dream for Manchester's second team. Remember, Hughes is the Paris Hilton of football, with almost limitless shopping funds at his disposal, something Aston Villa lacked while still flirting with the Champions League spots.

Not to say that City will be the next Aston Villa, just to say it would be no surprise if it happened, meaning the expectations from the owners are not without foundation. Just as importantly, they are going to give Hughes all the support he needs in the transfer market. There will be no excuses for failure. Then again, to be fair on the Welshman, he hasn't made any in his time at Eastlands.

This is the most vital off-season of Hughes short managerial career. So far I've been left underwhelmed, though there's plenty of time left for me to get even more disillusioned.

Comings and Goings

At the time of this article The Citizens have signed three players – goalkeeper Stuart Taylor (who?) from Aston Villa, England international Gareth Barry for £12m and Roque Santa Cruz for £18m (or thereabouts). Barry is actually a great move from Hughes. To sign a seasoned international player who will start every game and in his favoured central midfield position and who will play the killer ball to a speedy centre forward is exactly...whoa...sorry back up there, I'm getting ahead of myself. The trouble is Man City don't have an Agbonlahor, which brings me to Santa Cruz.

He's 27 and just come off an injury-hit season in which he started 17 games and scored 4 goals. Can he be the goal scoring threat to supplement Robinho? I don't think so and later on I'll tell you (and Hughes) who he should buy. The fixation Hughes seems to have on Santa Cruz is a kind of tunnel vision or a man crush, as though he only sees the player he managed at Blackburn a few years ago and not the ugly duckling he has become since. Yes a change of scenery could provide a change of fortune, and Santa isn't the only one who'll get

that next season.

One player who has been criticised often enough has been Michael Owen. Yet at 29 the ex-England and soon to be ex-Newcastle striker bagged 8 goals in 21 starts, a better strike rate than Santa. But I'll mention more about Owen next week when I discuss (along with Tevez and a few others) players who are going to ply their trade elsewhere.

According to City chairman Khaldoon al Mubarak they expect to sign up to six players, though there is no word on who will be shown the door. "We will shrink our squad and add four to six players," Mubarak is quoted as saying on PremierLeague.com. "Key for us is that we trust Mark Hughes and any acquisition is based on his view," he went on to say. Though I've no doubt about his sincerity I do wonder if it was Hughes' decision to sign Robinho last year or to put in the mega offer for Kaka. My suspicion is he just went along with it so as not to antagonise the money men.

Assuming Mubarak is true to his word, that they will shrink the squad, let's see which players he'll get rid of by playing one of the oldest games in football, speculation!

Goalkeepers and Defence

Browsing through the squad on City's official website there is nothing to be added or taken away from the goalkeepers. Shay Given is one the EPL's best and in Joe Hart and Kasper Schmeichel they have adequate back-ups. To this end it is hard to understand why they have loaned Joe Hart to Birmingham City, aside from giving him much-needed experience.

They gave up 50 goals last term, the most amongst the top 10 so it is the defence that needs addressing the most. Like most teams they have a number of players (Michael Ball, Tal Ben-Haim, Glauber Berti, Shaleum Logan and Danny Mills) who are squad players. Yet far from changing the walk-on actors rumours suggest captain Richard Dunne is the one on the move to Tottenham Hotspur.

Dunne's problem is lack of pace; every time I saw him last season he struck me as overweight and slow, and didn't help his or his team's cause with 2 sending offs in the league. In his defence the departure of Vedran Corluka early last season left a big whole in the central defence from which they never recovered and Hughes couldn't make up his mind whether Micah Richards was a centre back or right back.

In an ideal world they'd keep Dunne (though I doubt he'd be happy being just a squad player or losing the captaincy to Gareth Barry if newspaper reports are correct) and draft in three or four first choice defenders, allowing them to get rid of the fringe players like Berti, Mills and Ball. Logan is a youth team product and so probably won't be sold..



Stuart Taylor

Who Should Come In?

This is hard to predict. Micah Richards has the right-back slot on lockdown but that's the only certainty. Hughes needs to buy players to fill positions they are weak in as well as supplementing the players I think should go. A couple of centre backs and a left back should suffice.

There have been many players linked to them but in my view what they lacked in defence last



Gareth Barry

year was speed. St. Etienne full-back Mouhamadou Dabo could be on his way in but is he a first choice player? They have also been linked with Kolo Toure (£12m) and Joleon Lescott (£16m). These are both solid players who would improve their squad but neither is blessed with a 6th gear. They are good but neither are the world class centre backs a man with £250m would truly want.

This is the problem for City, not quite big enough to attract the truly world class players, but rich enough bid for them.

Given money isn't an object if I was Hughes I would buy both Lescott and Toure for the combined £28m, they'll add depth to the weakest parts of the squad. A top quality left-back is also a must. There are two Germans who spring to mind; Hamburg's Marcel Jansen (23) and Schalke 04's Christian Pander (25). Both are athletic, over 6ft and pacy. Pander is especially willing to push forward and support the attack as his 1 goal and 3 assists in 13 Bundesliga starts testifies. My guess-timate for him is £14m.

Whilst I'm at it I'd buy Napoli's speedy Brazilian centre back Fabiano Santacroce for about £15m; if he can get a work permit. He would add speed to the brawn of the other two.

IN – Fabiano Santacroce, Joleon Lescott, Kolo Toure, Christian Pander (Cost £57m)

OUT – Danny Mills, Michael Ball, Richard Dunne, Glauber Berti, Javier Garrido

Midfield

Out of the current crop only Stephen Ireland, Shaun Wright-Philips, Nigel De Jong, Vincent Kompany and Kelvin Etuhu are sure to be there next year.

Elano has been making noises about moving to Inter Milan and the others (Gelson Fernandes and Michael Johnson) are expendable squad players.

Dietmar Hamann and Martin Petrov are both the wrong side of 30 and the former's contract expires this summer. Petrov will probably be allowed to leave if there are suitable takers.

After the signing of Gareth Barry I don't see Hughes spending any more Kuwaiti funds on midfielders and I don't think I would either unless CR7 declares Man City as his "dream".

IN – Gareth Barry (Cost £12m)

OUT – Dietmar Hamann, Martin Petrov, Elano

Attack

Linked with everyone from Kaka to David Villa it seems they'll have to settle for Carlos Tevez (£25m) and Roque Santa Cruz (£18m).

Fringe players will have to go. Felipe Caicedo, Jo, Benjani Mwaruwari, Darius Vassell, Ched Evans and Daniel Sturridge (who is at the end of his contract and joined Chelsea) all fit into this category.

Robinho, Bellamy and Bojinov (still only 23) are the only three I expect to stay. Whatever happens, with the signing of Santa Cruz and impending signing of Tevez, it looks as though Bellamy may be the odd man out as Robinho will probably switch to a wide left role to accommodate

Tevez, or they could play three up front.

This is where Hughes has missed a trick. Part of having all that money is the ability to make a statement to your rivals. Last year it was Robinho. For me, buying Santa Cruz is like poaching a shop assistant from a discount store to work in Harrods. RSC is good but Blackburn were once holding out for £25m so it shows how much his stock has fallen (or how unrealistic Blackburn were!)

They need more than RSC to make a splash. My suggestion...drum roll...Emmanuel Adebayor. Whilst RSC gives them an aerial threat he doesn't offer a counter-attacking threat. Also, what a coup it would be to buy a player from a club in the same country that is much bigger than you. Talk about kicking sand in the face of a muscle-bound man!

I reckon a bid of £30m would buy the Togolese international and from his antics last year Ade would welcome another pay rise.

IN – Carlos Tevez, Roque Santa Cruz, Emmanuel Adebayor (Cost £73m)

OUT – Jo, Benjani, Vassell, Evans, Sturridge, Caicedo



Roque Santa Cruz

In all I've got Hughes spending £142m. That leaves over £100m and change for a takeaway. In all I think City should shy away from trying to sign the superstar players. Far better to address each area of the team and strengthen year on year as they can't go the 'Galaticos' route taken by Real Madrid.

Come the opening day of the season against Blackburn at Ewood Park my Man City team and subs would look like this.

GIVEN

RICHARDS – TOURE - LESCOTT – PANDER

WRIGHT-PHILIPS – BARRY – IRELAND – ROBINHO

TEVEZ – ADEBAYOR

Subs: Schmeichel, Santacroce, Bridge, Kompany, De Jong, Bellamy, Santa Cruz

Hughes will have the problem of too many players expecting first team football and with no European campaign his management of the squad will come under pressure from within. If they start poorly the pressure will come from without too.

It is a soap opera that will be continued throughout the 2009-10 season. Whether all the above actually happens or not is part of the rumour mill. Whatever does happen there are interesting times ahead for City fans and though I can't predict what will happen at Eastlands, I know the marriage won't be dull next season.

IS THERE ANYTHING LEFT IN OWEN?

One Time Wonder Kid Faces Career Crossroad

Had Newcastle secured just one more point towards the end of last season, there is little doubt that Michael Owen would have remained at the club. Instead, Newcastle will be spending next season in the second tier of English football, and Michael Owen will be not be renewing his contract to play in a black and white shirt. Unlike the Magpies, Owen wants to continue playing his football in the Premier League. But the questions remain as to whether he still has enough to play top flight football, and if he does for which club will it be?

First things first, I'd like to point out that I am a huge Owen fan, and have been since he scored one of the greatest World Cup goals ever against Argentina in 1998. Owen has recently admitted that he has had to develop a very thick skin as he has been heavily criticised, rightly or wrongly, for much of his career. However I have never jumped on that particular bandwagon. I have always believed in his talent and I would also suggest that he is a very good professional as well as a seemingly very nice human being. Yet in the last year or so I have been critical of Owen myself, and believe that his last year at Newcastle was not too far away from being a complete disaster, much like the Magpies season as a whole. Therefore when looking at Owen's future I am not going to be one of his detractors who almost blindingly criticise the man, yet I am not going to be a soft touch either, and hopefully I will bring to you an unbiased view regarding the future of one of the best goal-scorers England has ever produced.

Owen is a player who is soon to be a free agent, and so is free to move to any club he likes, or at least any club that will have him. He recently sent out a thirty-two page dossier in which he listed his achievements and accolades, of which he has many, and also of his career injuries, which unfortunately he has also had many of. Owen also suggests that he has much to teach younger players, especially strikers, and would be an asset to a club both on and off the field. Despite this rather unique way that Michael has tried to sell himself, he has yet to receive, as of the writing of this article, any concrete offers from any clubs. The reason that Owen's future is in limbo at this moment in time is quite simple; he is a player with a vast amount of upside, but who also had quite a lot of downside as well.

What Owen has in his favour is that, as I have suggested earlier, he is one of the best goal-scorers that England has ever had. He is fourth on the list in terms of top scoring players for England, behind Sir Bobby Charlton, Gary Lineker and Jimmy Greaves, and in my opinion he would have beaten all three men's feats had he not been so injury prone, and of course there is still time to score more goals for his country as



Has Michael Owen got the legs left to have another crack at the Premiership?

he has not yet internationally retired. For his clubs Owen has scored one hundred and sixty goals in three hundred and twenty-two games; a ratio of pretty much a goal every other game. Quite simply, he is a goal-scorer of the highest quality.

Owen has also plied his trade at two of the biggest clubs in the world, Liverpool and Real Madrid, and has also played for a club (perhaps not at this point) which is one of the biggest in England, Newcastle United. And not only has he played for some big teams, he has succeeded at those teams, as well as being arguably the best striker in international football for at least a few years in terms of his goals per game and his knack for scoring goals in big games. One thing that Michael Owen can never be described as is 'not a big game player', and when his country needed him, he stepped up to the mark almost every time, something which cannot always be said for the current crop of English talent. Owen would bring with

him goals and ability in goal-scoring areas, as well as vast experience to teach younger players, both in terms of on the field activity as well as how to behave and conduct themselves off the field.

So if we are talking about a man whose scoring record is second to none, who has been good enough to have played for two of the world's biggest clubs, and who is still only twenty nine years old, why aren't clubs falling over themselves to sign him? Well for a start there are his injuries. As I suggested earlier, I believe he would have scored more goals for England than anyone else if it wasn't for his injuries, but one simply cannot ignore the fact that the man is ridiculously injury prone. And these injuries have really taken a toll on his body, as he is nowhere near as fast or as sharp as he used to be, and although he is not even thirty yet, there is no way to tell how long he will be able to continue playing. And even if he does have years left in him, with

his history of injuries there is absolutely no way to guarantee that he can play for more than a few games a season.

And not only is there the playing side to worry about, there is also the money side. As one of the biggest names in English football Owen commands a relatively large salary, and since he is no longer good enough to play for the big money boys the only way that he can gain a place at a Premier League club is by signing for one of the smaller clubs, who would have to take a gamble on him and allow him to take up a section of their wage budget which could be arguably better, or at least safer, spent elsewhere.

And it is two such clubs, Hull and Stoke, which are the leading contenders for his signature at the moment. Both Phil Brown of Hull and Tony Pulis of Stoke seem to believe that Owen is worth enough to take a gamble on him and his injury history. And in my opinion, I wholeheartedly agree.

I certainly believe that Owen is not even close to being the player he was a few years ago, and I doubt that he has more than three or four top years left in his injury raddled body. I also concede that his wage demands mean that any club acquiring him would be taking a financial risk on him actually being able to play Premier League football each week. Yet I think the gamble is a good one, as I still believe that Owen will score goals at any club. He has goal-scoring instincts which I believe still remain despite his slowing of pace and of sharpness. He is still good enough to sneak into the box and grab a goal, even if he only gets one chance in a game. And goals mean points, which could make or break the season for teams like Hull and Stoke.

So if Pulis or Brown are reading this, and I can't see a reason why they wouldn't, I recommend that you take a chance on Owen. He could be the best signing you'll make this transfer window.

FACT FILE

Full name: Michael James Owen
Date of birth: 14 Dec 1979 (age 29)
Place of birth: Chester, England
Height: 1.73 m (5 ft 8 in)
Playing position: Striker

Youth career

1991–1996 Liverpool

Senior career

Years	Club	App	(Gls)
1996–2004	Liverpool	216	(118)
2004–2005	Real Madrid	35	(16)
2005–2009	Newcastle U	71	(26)

National team

1997	England U20	4	(3)
1997	England U21	1	(1)
2006–2007	England B	2	(0)
1998–2008	England	89	(40)



COSMOS COMES TO TOWN

Razzmatazz, Glitz, Glamour and Green Gully

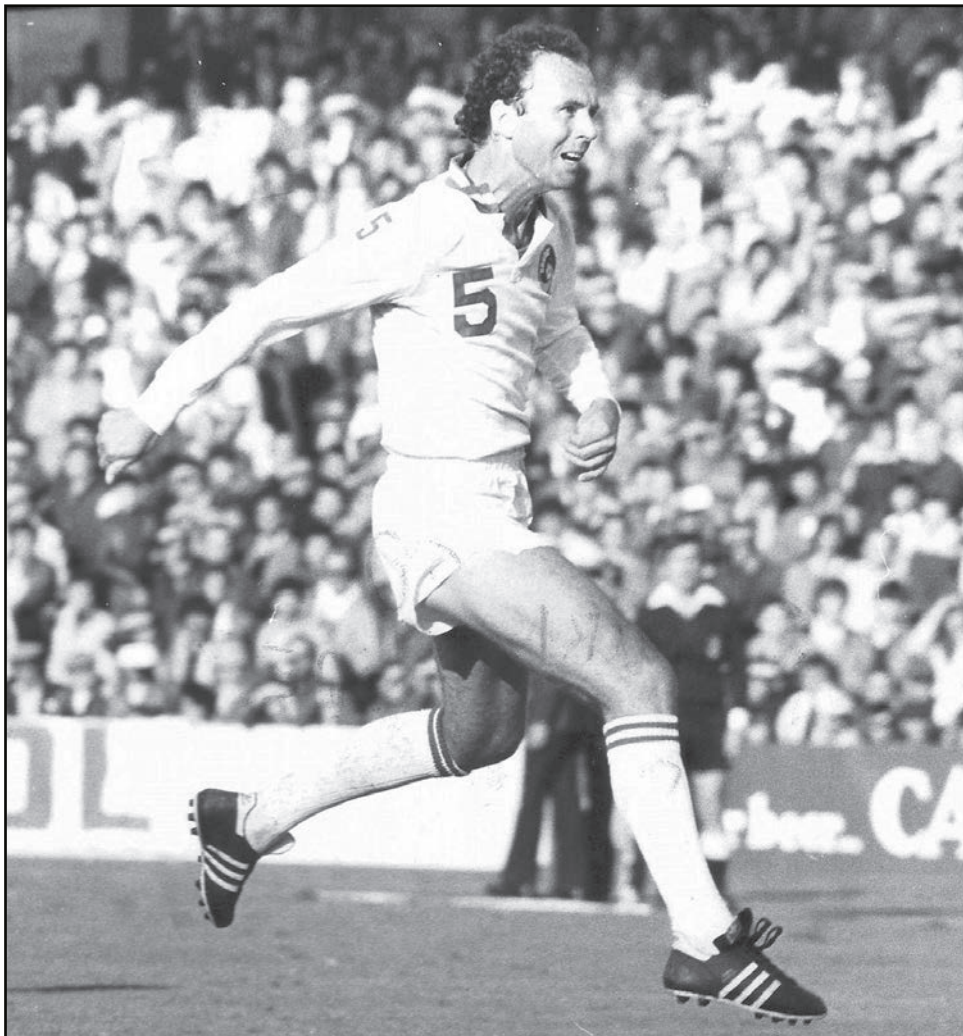
Many famous teams have toured Australia over the years but few made as much of a splash as the New York Cosmos who came to Australia twice, in October 1979 and again in October 1982. At that time the Cosmos was still surfing the Pele-inspired boom which marked the early years of the North American Soccer League, though by 1979 Pele was no longer playing for the club.

The Cosmos still had a host of stars led by Franz Beckenbauer and in 1979 they played games in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. Johnny Warren organised the Sydney game and his biography has a fascinating account of the pioneering efforts to use United States promotional methods to generate a crowd for the match, which proved so effective in Sydney that the Showgrounds were swamped by fans and 'theatre-goers' on 24 October 1979. More than 50,000 crammed into the ground, breaking down gates at one point, and though much money and publicity was gained, not all of it was positive outside the soccer media.

Jimmy Rooney who played against Beckenbauer in the World Cup in Germany in 1974 captained the Australian eleven and took particular delight in scoring the first goal against Cosmos. Giorgio Chinaglia equalised but Tony Henderson got the winner for the Australia. The squad for that game included Rooney, Greg Woodhouse, Ivo Prskalo, Peter Sharpe, Mark Jankovics, Steve Perry, Joe Senkalski, Bobby Russell, Martin Crook, Jim Tansey, Phil O'Connor, Ken Bowden, John Coyne,



Gary Cole, now football operations boss for Melbourne Victory, played twice against the Cosmos in 1979. Here he is (left) under a typically tough challenge from Col Bennett. Photo: Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library.



Franz Beckenbauer in action at Olympic Park. Photo: Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library.

Gary Cole, John Nyskohus and Edi Krncevic. Rudi Gutendorf was the coach.

Three days earlier on Sunday 21 October 1979, the Cosmos narrowly defeated Victoria by three goals to two at Olympic Park as 28,000 fans packed into the ground. Victoria was represented by Yaka Banovic, Steve Short, Jim Tansey, John Yzendoorn, Steve Kokoska, Jimmy Rooney, Carl Gilder, Joe Piciaone, Tommy Cumming, John Gardiner, Gary Cole, Jamie Paton and Joe Tront. Rooney and Cumming scored for Victoria, and John Neeskens with two and Chinaglia for the Cosmos. The Cosmos line up included Hubert Birkenmeier, Andranik Eskandarian, Carlos Alberto, Franz Beckenbauer, Dennis Tueart, Vladislav Bogicevic, Giorgio Chinaglia, Antonio Carbonanti, Arsenio Jardin, Gary Etherington, Johan Neeskens, Santiago Formoso, Greg Ryan and Nelsi Morais. Len McKendry coached Victoria and Chris Bambridge whistled.

In the final match of the tour, Cosmos beat Adelaide City two-nil at Hindmarsh Stadium in front

of a crowd of 23,500 with Tueart and Chinaglia on target.

The Cosmos came back in 1982 and played against Victoria. Coincidentally the score was the same as three years earlier but the crowd was well down, being variously estimated at 12-15,000. The Victorian team selected by Tim White and Bobby McLachlan was Jeff Olver in goal, Peter Lewis, John Gardiner, Stuart Cannell, Charlie Yankos, Zoran Ilioski, Stefan Mila, Jimmy Campbell, Ken Murphy, Paul Lewis, and Dave Brogan, with substitutes George Campbell, Doug Brown, who scored with his first kick, and Carl Gilder. Kenny Murphy got the other Victorian goal from the penalty spot, and Stuart Cannell unfortunately put through his own goal after 15 minutes, while Neeskens and Chinaglia also scored for Cosmos.

Cosmos lined up with Hubert Birkenmeier, Gee, Durgan, Franz Beckenbauer, Erhardt Kapp, Johan Neeskens, Rick Davis, Vladislav Bogicevic, Julio Cesar Romero, Roberto Cabañas, Giorgio Chinaglia and substitutes Andranik Eskandarian, Iarusei

and Seninho.

Cosmos played another match on that tour which is less well known. Green Gully was preparing for the Dockerty Cup semi-final and Arnold Langer, Gully's treasurer and representative on the Victorian Soccer Federation's board of management, had been liaison officer for the Cosmos' stay in Melbourne. He formed a friendship with coach Julio Mazzei and Beckenbauer.

Cosmos had completed their commitments in Melbourne but had a few days before flying to Japan and Mazzei was looking for ways to keep his side ticking over. Langer and Bobby McLachlan convinced the coach that a match was better than training. Mazzei agreed as long as there were no tackles and no publicity.

Gully led 2-1 at the break against a Cosmos XI made up mostly of its reserves, forcing Mazzei to send in all the big guns in the second half to emerge 3-2 winners. Beckenbauer did not play in the game, but he and Mazzei attended the club's annual ball for the player-of-the-year presentation that evening. Both made speeches, signed autographs and posed for pictures during the night. It was Bobby McLachlan's swansong after a successful three-year spell at Gully.

David Hogben played in that match and reflected afterwards to Peter Desira, 'And when you talk about highlights (of my career at Green Gully) what about when New York Cosmos came here and played a practice match against us? You're talking about Beckenbauer, Neeskens, Chinaglia.'



Beckenbauer and Lou Stafrace. Photo courtesy of Lou Stafrace, former President of Green Gully Soccer Club.

By Roy Hay

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Johan Neeskens, Arnold Langer, Giorgio Chinaglia and Franz Beckenbauer at Green Gully with the New York Cosmos in 1982. Photo: Green Gully Soccer Club.



Denis Tueart and Franz Beckenbauer flank Victorian Soccer Federation stalwart, the late Ken Slack. Photo: Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library.

RED DEVILS CLAW THROUGH TO CUP SEMIS

**Red Devils claw through to Semis
Campbelltown City has advanced to the semi final of the Top Corner Sports Cup after overcoming a resilient White City outfit 3-1. But the Red Devils needed extra time after the match finished 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes.**

Both sides came into the match with depleted line-ups and the starting elevens resembled something like musical chairs as Campbelltown and White City rang in the changes.

Michael Paleka, Stanko Zilic and Pasquale Barbaro did not feature in the match day squad, while Zoran Hinic was cup tied for Campbelltown after transferring from White City earlier in the month. White City was missing Brad Armour, who was also cup tied, Fabian Bucco, Stav Parisoss, Mauro Beron and Milos Radocaj. White City boss and former Socceroos’ assistant coach Adrian Santrac was also absent completing his Asian Confederation Pro Diploma coaching licence.

Campbelltown started the match brightly dominating the Premier League leader in the opening minutes. Jason Trimboli was up to his old tricks and tested White City keeper Anthony Stam as early as the fourth minute. His free kick cannoned back off the wall and from the rebound forced a fine save from the Warriors custodian.

In the seventh minute Campbelltown’s depth was really put to the test after Vas Parhas limped off with an ankle injury. Parhas immediately signalled to the bench after going to ground. He was replaced by youngster Luca Di Girolami who had a fantastic afternoon.

In the 14th minute, Matthew Deegan combined with Trimboli who found himself in some space inside 18 yards. His sweetly timed right foot half volley was again parried by Stam. Stam’s busy first half continued when Deegan’s cut back was drilled straight into his chest. 10 minutes before the break Deegan again caused the White City defence problems with his running and his low cross found Trimboli but Kosta Dimopoulos came to the rescue for the Warriors.

As half time approached, White City completed a beautiful exchange of passes and Srdjan Jovanovic found Ryan Manolev on the end of a 30m run. Manolev took a touch and then drilled a low shot on goal and watched as it struck the legs of a Red Devils defender and wrong footed keep Les Pogliacomì.

White City, against the run of play, went in to the break leading 1-0.

Red Devils Boss Rocky Aloisi sent a clear message at half time after the first half domination was fruitless, “I just told them to believe in themselves and the goals will come.”

The early stages of the second half was again all Campbelltown. The young guns combined brilliantly to put the White City defence under pressure as early as the 47th minute. Stephen Piotto’s searching ball found Jamie Antonuccio on the left and he showed his class nutmegging his defender and then drilled a shot past the upright of Stam.

The Red Devils continued in search of an equaliser and it came in the 58th minute when Deegan found Domenic Signorello and his low cross allowed man of the match Joe Anello to tap in from 6 yards.

With ten minutes of normal time remaining, White City turned up the heat and enjoyed a purple patch but was unable to find a winner. Campbelltown’s domination didn’t transpire on the scoreboard and the match went into extra time.

The first period of extra time brought little excitement and the best chance fell to White



Matthew Deegan takes off on a run for Campbelltown

City’s Marco Micelli. Anthony Costalos’ deep cross found Micelli alone at the back post but his effort went sailing over the crossbar.

Campelltown’s domination eventually paid off and after 108 minutes, the Red Devils were in front for the first time. Goal scorer Anello turned provider as his worm burner corner bypassed everyone in the box and found Michael Menechella. His toe poke was cleared off the line but the clearance was less than convincing and Menechella eventually bundled the ball into the back of the net.

Four minutes later White City Captain Michael Keens was robbed by debutant Peter Feleppa who laid off to Deegan. Deegan rounded Anthony Stam in the White City goal and put the match beyond doubt.

Campbelltown advance to the semi final of the Top Corner Sports Cup while White City will turn its focus to automatic promotion into the Super League. It currently sits atop the Premier League table equal on points with Cumberland.

Cumberland has taken its place in the Top Corner Sports Cup semi final after bundling out fellow Premier League opponent Croydon Kings 2-0.

A goal either side of half time was enough to send the Foxes into the final four of the Cup. Jesse Consalvo and Shaun Smith got on the score sheet as Cumberland showed its intent on collecting silverware this season. Cumberland lies second in the Premier League, equal on points with leader White City. The Foxes hope to wrap up automatic promotion but have a tough battle on their hands.

Croydon has also enjoyed some fine form of late in the Premier League but its Top Corner Sports Cup run has come to an end. The Kings finished the match with 10 men.

Daniel Varma was outstanding for Cumber-

land taking man of the match honours while Yannick Skull and keeper Marijan Kolar ensured Cumberland advanced to the semi finals.

Cumberland turns its attention back to the Premier League this week as competition heats up. The Foxes travel to fifth placed Adelaide Olympic while Croydon hosts league leader White City in round 14.

Adelaide City host Metro Stars in the Monday night game for a spot in the semi final of the Top Corner Sports Cup. The game is set to be a blockbuster as these traditional rivals will have to also back up in a week’s time to face off again in round 14 when the Super League resumes.

Enfield City hosts the Pirates in Wednesday night’s quarter final fixture. A semi final spot waits for the winner. State League leader Enfield will like its chances against mid table Premier League outfit Pirates who have had indifferent form of late. The winner will join the only other non Super League side Cumberland, who progressed after defeating fellow Premier League rival Croydon.

**Aloisi Salutes Young Brigade
Campbelltown fielded seven players 21 years old or younger in its Top Corner Sports Cup Quarter final win against White City with four of the seven deputising for the Red Devils. Coach Rocky Aloisi was delighted with their performances, “It’s great for the club. These boys coming from the juniors and have been here a while.”**

Stephen Piotto and man of the match Joe Anello, 20 and 21 respectively have cemented their places in the Campbelltown match day squad with both featuring frequently. Piotto

has enjoyed plenty of game time this season starring regularly in the holding midfield role. He is also the “go to” man starting many of the Red Devils attacking moves. Piotr Sapa, 20, started at left back and has strong claims to retain his spot after a flawless performance.

Anello is a quality utility player and has a growing reputation as Mr Fix-it. Anello started in defence against White City but was forced to play on the wing when Vas Parhas came off injured. Anello got the equaliser for Campbelltown and also took the corner that lead to Michael Menechella giving the Red Devils the lead.

Deputising were Jamie Antonuccio, Peter Feleppa and James Michalakos all 18 and Luca Di Girolami, 21. Antonuccio started and was a constant menace on the left flank and showed plenty of promise with his silky skills, none more so when he coolly put the ball through his opponent’s legs and watch his shot whizz inches past the post.

Di Girolami was a worthy replacement for Parhas and stood his ground in defence when he came on. Michalakos replaced Antonuccio, whose was on track for man of the match, and also proved he can make the step up. Peter Fellapa was instrumental in setting up the third goal, stealing the ball on the wing before laying off to Matthew Deegan.

With the recent run of injuries and player availabilities, Aloisi now knows these young guns will be ready should they be called upon. “I know that they can play at the next level and I was very pleased with their performances.”

By Lee Gagliardi

Photo by Adam Butler

FFSA RESULTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GDP
Campbelltown City	13	9	2	2	30	13	17 29
MetroStars	13	8	3	2	22	9	13 27
Raiders	13	6	5	2	25	18	7 23
Adelaide Blue Eagles	12	7	2	3	17	15	2 23
Adelaide City	12	5	3	4	18	12	6 18
Para Hills	13	3	6	4	17	20	-3 15
Adelaide Galaxy	13	4	3	6	16	21	-5 15
Western Strikers	13	3	1	9	14	26	-12 10
Adelaide Hills	12	2	2	8	17	23	-6 8
Modbury	12	2	1	9	13	32	-19 7

TOP CORNER SPORTS CUP

Campbelltown City 3 (M.Menechella, M.Deegan, J.Anello)
White City Woodville 1 (R.Manolev)
After Extra Time (HT 0-1) (FT 1-1)
Best – Campbelltown (J.Anello, P.Sapa, M.Deegan) White City
(A.Leane, A.Stam, S.Semiz)

Croydon 0
Cumberland United 2 (J.Consalvo, S.Smith) (HT 0-1)
Best – Croydon (Not Provided)
Cumberland (D.Varma, Y.Skull, M.Kolar)

Adelaide City vs MetroStars
Monday 29th June - 7:30pm
Adelaide City Park, Hilltop Drive, OAKDEN

Enfield City vs Pirates
Wednesday 1st July - 7:30pm
Rushworth Reserve, Anson Street, BLAIR ATHOL

Reserves Cup

Adelaide Blue Eagles 3 (L.Kean 2, S.D’Antiocchia) Adelaide Comets 1 (D.Voss Piotto),
Adelaide Galaxy 1 (J.Fusco)
Cumberland United 0,
Adelaide City 0
MetroStars 1 (J.Polisena).

STRIKERS STRUCK BY SUNSHINE

Round 15 saw two clashes of utmost importance to the finals race, as 2008 Grand Finalists Brisbane Strikers and Sunshine Coast FC met at Perry Park, whilst the slumping Razorbacks hosted Redlands in what is developing into an entrancing tussle for the lower finals places.

NQ Razorbacks 2 (Paul Sapelli 63', Jake Navarro 75') - Redlands City Devils 1 (Anthony Paolino 34')

One of the more anticipated clashes of the weekend saw third play fifth when Redlands City Devils travelled to Townsville to play the NQ Razorbacks on Saturday night. NQ Razorbacks were well rested and eager to return to the field after their bye last weekend, however it was to be the visitors who had the better of early proceedings as Anthony Paolino stole past the Razorbacks defence to give his side the lead in the 34th minute.

The Razorbacks hadn't won since Round 11 and their hunger to end that bad run of results was clear as they took to the field in the second half. Last time these two sides met was an attacking thriller and the second half proved to be of the same vein with Redlands also going on the attack, searching for a winner.

It would prove to be the Razorbacks day though as Paul Sapelli and the influential Jake Navarro got the better of the visitors defence in the 63rd and 75th minutes respectively. The Devils sought an equaliser but the home sides defence held firm to record a much needed victory.

Bundaberg Spirit 0 - Olympic FC 8 (Alex Panic 9', 48', Brad Lacey 19', James Meyer 29', Shane Coffey 63', Chris Hagell 82', Nzube Okafor 83', Matt Ham 85'p)

Martens Oval hosted the clash between Bundaberg Spirit and Olympic FC this weekend, with the competition leaders easily accounting for the cellar dwelling Spirit. Bundaberg are yet to record any points this season and it showed against Olympic as the visitors went in 3-0 to the good at half-time.

The second half only saw things get worse for the home side as Olmpyc, spurred on by Shane Coffey and Nzube Okafor, racked up another five goals before the final whistle, with Matt Ham adding insult to injury by converting a penalty with only five minutes to play.

Brisbane Strikers 1 (Adam Webber 16') - Sunshine Coast 3 (Jai Cross 7', Craig Hawkins 46', Oh-Kyun Gong 76')

The Brisbane Strikers suffered a heavy fall from grace and the top of the Hyundai QSL table, while the rise and rise of the Sunshine Coast Fire continued, as the Fire capitalised on some complacent football from the Strikers to run out 3-1 victors at Perry Park

Sunshine Coast showed the necessary hunger to keep their mid-season resurrection going in this clash between last seasons Grand Finalists. Goals to Jai Cross and Craig Hawkins early in each half put the Strikers on the back foot before Oh-Kyun Gong's headed goal in the seventy-sixth minute made sure of the three points for the

visitors.

The Strikers tried hard to get forward and force a late comeback, but the execution of their last pass lacked precision and their shooting was too often from distance and was blocked by defenders or even their own team mates.

Strikers captain, Matt Smith, was left bitterly disappointed and did his best to sum up what went wrong.

"Every week I say we need to be professional. Every week I say we need to be prepared. Every week I say that the first few minutes of every single half are vitally important – and we conceded two very, very soft goals in the first five minutes of each half", Smith said.

"And their third goal – from the cross – people are just not waking up and, to be honest, if you are going to make mistakes in this league you are going to be punished. There's no excuses from us this week. We didn't create too much, we didn't pass and move too much. It just wasn't there tonight.

Capricorn Cougars vs Logan United FC - Sun 28th June

Capricorn Cougars face Brisbane opposition for the third time in three weeks, this time at home to Logan United on Sunday afternoon. The Cougars will be boosted by last weekend's last minute 3-2 win over Queensland Academy of Sport, and will be looking to continue on that run of form.

United, on the other hand, are coming off a 4-2 defeat to Brisbane Strikers and will need a win if they want to finish in the top

half of the competition. Midfielder Mitch Nelis looks unlikely to travel to Rockhampton after injuring himself in Sunday's clash with the Strikers.

Whitsunday Miners vs Queensland Academy of Sport - Sun 28th June

Queensland Academy of Sport travel to Mackay to play the Whitsunday Miners, hoping to keep their top four aspirations alive. Both sides will be missing key players through suspension (Neko Vujevich for the QAS, Troy German for the Miners), but the home side will relish the return of Daniel Scotton and Greg Willey to the squad that has been hit by numerous injuries in recent weeks.

QAS beat the Miners in Round 4 by a last minute goal and will be aware of the side that performed so well against Olympic FC last weekend.

By Jarrod Ellis

In Brisbane

QSL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Olympic FC	14	12	1	1	45	10	35	37
2 Brisbane Strikers	14	11	1	2	52	17	35	34
3 Sunshine Coast	14	8	1	5	32	20	12	25
4 Redlands C Devils	14	8	0	6	36	23	13	24
5 NQ Razorbacks	13	7	1	5	26	21	5	22
6 Queensland AoS	14	7	1	6	30	26	4	22
7 Logan United FC	14	6	2	6	22	27	-5	20
8 Capricorn Cougars	14	5	1	8	22	39	-17	16
9 FNQ Bulls	13	4	3	6	22	27	-5	15
10 Whitsunday Miner	13	1	1	11	21	38	-17	4
11 Bundaberg Spirit	13	0	0	13	6	66	-60	0

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POSITIVE GAME TIME FOR GLORY

A depleted Perth Glory outfit has been narrowly beaten away from home in a pre-season friendly against last season's Hyundai A-League grand finalists Adelaide United.

The Glory, who went into the match with nine senior players unavailable, including key off-season recruits Andy Todd, Branko Jelic, and Socceroos pair Jacob Burns and Mile Sterjovski, put up a strong showing in the South Australian capital, with only a 25th minute strike from Reds skipper Travis Dodd separating the teams.

Coach Dave Mitchell said his young squad, which featured three first year players and a trialist in the starting eleven, plus three youth team players on the bench, performed well but were left to rue a slow start.

"Adelaide came out strong from the start of the game, that was to be expected from a team that has spent a fair bit of time together. We just took our time getting up to speed and that was the main difference between the sides," Mitchell said.

"The goal was well worked and reward for Adelaide's dominance in the opening period however I was pleased with how our lads regrouped and it was an even second half with chances for both sides."

Versatile Perth SC player Todd Howarth, who is on trial with Glory, started the match and performed well throughout his 90 minutes at left back. The 27 year old, who can play in the mid-field or down back, combined well with his fellow defenders to repel the home side's advances.

Perth's three youth team players all gained valuable match time in the second half and again proved the depth of talent in West Australian football.

In a late change Frank Juric suited up as Glory's substitute goal keeper after the necessary paperwork from Aleks Vrteski's former club failed to

arrive in time for the 'officially sanctioned' match.

It was Perth Glory's first pre-season clash against Hyundai A-League opposition and served as a warm-up to the club's international meetings with Wolverhampton Wanderers (Friday, July 10) and Fulham (Wednesday, 15 July) at Members Equity Stadium.

The club's new signings are expected to join their Glory team mates in the next week and will add significant experience to the side ahead of the games against English Premier League opposition.

PERTH GLORY'S INTERNATIONAL 'FOOTBALL FEAST'

Grab your tickets for either match from www.ticketmaster.com.au or call 136 100.

Match details

Friday, 10 July 2009

Perth Glory v Wolverhampton Wanderers Members Equity Stadium, 7.30pm



Travis Dodd rounds Gory's Tando Velaphi to score

** A special celebrity match featuring former Glory greats and Perth celebs kicks-off at 6.10pm*

*Wednesday, 15 July 2009 – Double Header
Wolverhampton Wanderers v North Queensland Fury (kick-off 5.15pm)
Perth Glory v Fulham (kick-off 8.00pm)
Members Equity Stadium*

By Mark White

PhotoBy Adam Butler

WA RESULTS

First Team

Stirling Lions 3(Mirco 37, OG 52, Deabreu 91,) Armadale 2(Ramirez 32, Tracey 64,);

Inglewood United 2(Stamatatis 43, Osei-Tutu 79,) Mandurah City 2(Insauralde 38, O'Callaghan 76,);

ECU Joondalup 2(Amphlett 1, Collins 26,) Sorrento FC 5(Harnwell 14, Montgomery 41p, Thomas 54, Cunningham 65, McDonald 76,);

Western Knights 1(Marcinko 82,) Perth SC 3(Human 36, Onoforo 48, Arnold 50,);

Canning City 1(Van Dongen 57,) Cockburn City 2(Jelen 51, Natale 78,).

Reserves

Stirling Lions 3 Armadale 1; Inglewood United 3 Mandurah City 2; ECU Joondalup 2 Sorrento FC 1; Western Knights 3 Perth SC 3; Floreat Athena Swan United .

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1 Perth SC	11	9	1	1	36	15	21	28
2 Western Knights	11	8	1	2	24	14	10	25
3 Floreat Athena	10	7	0	3	22	17	5	21
4 Mandurah City	11	5	2	4	20	15	5	17
5 Canning City	11	5	1	5	24	25	-1	16
6 Swan United	10	4	2	4	18	19	-1	14
7 Inglewood United	11	4	2	5	16	23	-7	14
9 Cockburn City	11	4	2	5	21	21	0	14
8 Sorrento	11	3	3	5	24	25	-1	12
10 ECU Joondalup	11	3	1	7	19	27	-8	10
11 Stirling Lions	11	2	2	7	18	30	-12	8
12 Armadale	11	1	3	7	17	28	-11	6

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CHANGES GALORE AT FOOT OF TABLE

Glenorchy Knights missed the opportunity to go to the top of the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League ladder when they were held to a 1-1 draw at home at KGV Park by second-last New Town Eagles on Saturday.

Knights had also spurned the chance to go top in mid-week when they suffered a 2-0 loss to second-last Hobart Olympic, also at KGV Park.

Knights hit the woodwork three times and missed at least four other guilt-edged chances before goals by Hugh Richardson and Michael Bulis sank them.

Hobart Olympic moved up a place to fifth by also beating Clarence United 3-1 away at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

That defeat dropped Clarence to second last, while New Town Eagles, who had been beaten 4-1 at home at Clare Street the previous Sunday by reigning champions and third-placed South Hobart, moved to sixth spot after their draw with the Knights.

Eagles gave a good account of themselves against Knights and should have led in the first five minutes, but they could not finish from inside the box against a packed Knights defence.

Cormac Collins, one of Eagles' most potent attackers, limped off after a quarter of an hour and was replaced by Jamie Vernon, who went on to have at least three good scoring chances without finding the net.

Eagles hit the front in the 38th minute following a short corner by Alex Leszczynski, who played the ball to Shane Kent.

Kent knocked the ball into the edge of the box, where Jacob Malakoff scored after a

lightning-fast turn that wrong-footed the Knights defence.

In the second half, Knights had the ball in the net after an error by goalkeeper Michael Soszynski, but the effort was ruled off-side, much to the relief of the keeper.

Alex Holmes, who, together with Brodie Green, was formidable in the centre of the Knights defence, headed the equaliser in the 75th minute from Jade Clay's corner.

Holmes made numerous forward runs and was always a threat.

Eagles were denied a late penalty when Adam McKeown appeared to be sandwiched between two defenders and bundled over, but referee Ivan Jozeljic was unmoved.

Soszynski produced some fine saves in the closing stages, while Eagles defender Nick Ferrall did very well to contain the nippy Amadu Koroma for the entire 90 minutes.

It was the Knights' first draw of the league season.

Michael Bulis put Olympic in front against Clarence with a penalty, but before the first half was over, he missed from another spot-kick.



Adam McKeown about to volley at goal as Knights' Brodie Green moves in.

He was on target again, however, to make it 2-0, while Adam Hedge added the third to send Olympic in 3-0 up at the break.

Luke Cripps pulled a goal back for Clarence early in the second half, but Olympic were well worth their win, their second in less than a week.

Clarence slipped two places to second-last on the ladder, level on 14 points with sixth-ranked Eagles, who have the same goal-difference but who have scored more goals than the Eastern Shore side.

In the Forestry Tasmania Northern Premier

League, leaders Northern Rangers came unstuck when they went down 1-0 at home at the NTCA Ground to fourth-placed Somerset today.

A header by Tom Roach in the 26th minute settled the issue.

The win lifted Somerset a place to third on the ladder, but Rangers still hold a 4-point lead over second-placed Devonport City.

Ulverstone moved up a place to fifth by downing bottom-side Launceston United 5-0 at home at the Ulverstone Showgrounds.

By Walter Pless

Photo by Walter Pless

TAS SOUTHERN LEAGUE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		
Tilford Zebras	13	9	2	2	57	28	29		
Glenorchy Knights	15	9	1	5	37	31	28		
South Hobart	13	8	2	3	33	10	26		
Kingboro Lions U	13	4	5	4	32	32	17		
Hobart Olympic	15	5	2	8	22	39	17		
New Town Eagles	14	4	2	8	27	34	14		
Clarence United	12	4	2	6	22	29	14		
University	13	2	2	9	10	37	8		

TAS NORTHERN LEAGUE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		
Northern Rangers	11	8	2	1	30	7	26		
Devonport City	10	7	1	2	35	15	22		
Somerset	11	7	0	4	28	16	21		
Prospect Knights	10	6	1	3	24	15	19		
Ulverston	11	6	0	5	22	18	18		
Riverside Olympic	10	5	0	5	26	20	15		
Burnie United	10	3	0	7	17	27	9		
Launceston City	9	2	0	7	11	24	6		

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Northern Utd 2 (C Dickson A Alsabri) Northern Roosters 1 (OK Coskun), Moreland Wolves 0 Yarra Jets 1 (A Pearce), Tullamarine Jets 1 (M Al Kazimi) Altona North 0, Broadmeadows Utd 3 (M Yilmaz 2 WV Lam) Heidelberg Stars 3 (H Abdullahi YD Ali AH Elmi), Res: Northern Utd 2 Northern Roosters 2, Moreland Wolves 1 Yarra Jets 4, Tullamarine Jets 5 (J Mawir 2 M Emer G Al-Kaabi A Avo) Altona North 0, Broadmeadows Utd 2 Heidelberg Stars 3

South-East: St. Kevins 0 Caulfield Grammarians 3 (J Schmidt H Hiolos Own Goal), Ringwood City 1 (T Psimaris) Dandenong Warriors 0, Manningham 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 0, Res: St. Kevins 1 Caulfield Grammarians 1, Ringwood City 4 Dandenong Warriors 0, Manningham 1 Harrisfield Hurricanes 1,

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE: Div 1: Altona City 2 (M Naim CR Crisostomo) Uni. of Melbourne 0, Whittlesea Stallions 0 Whitehorse Utd 4 (M Ryan 2 VJ Castro J Hall), Bayswater Strikers 9 (S Davies K Harrold E Doughty AE Mckillen 2 G Murphy M Hale LJ Allen E Murray-Bartlett) Brighton 1 (M Wyszomirska), Monbulk 0 South Yarra 0, Res: Altona City 1 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Whittlesea Stallions 2 Whitehorse Utd 2, Bayswater Strikers 4 Brighton 2, Monbulk 2 South Yarra 2,

Div 2 North-West: Western Suburbs 3 (D Castaneda R McConnell J Padic) Darebin Falcons 0, La Trobe University 8 (NP Mills 3 V Pettit 2 P Massouh 3) Melton 0, Bundoora Utd 5 (S Peluso 4 L Turco) Fawkner Blues 1 (AK McDonald), Western Eagles 4 (C Silwinski AM Felszynski G McGrony-Perich 2) Melbourne Bears 0

Div 2 South-East: Mornington Flames 1 (O Gregory) Sandringham 2 (L Terek S Rogers), Albert Park 7 (JL Newberry S Dillon AF Tardif TL Colvin 2 JM Bulloch 2) Mooroolbark 1 (M Salomons), Monash University 0 Doncaster Rovers 1 (L Privitelli), Berwick City 10 (E Heeger (Rault) 2 J Cary K Wilson T Eliadis L Grant 5) Beaumaris 0, Southern Suburbs 0 Ashburton 2 (W Lopez M Murray)

Div 3 North-West: Melbourne Tornado 1 (JG Webster) Epping City 5 (J Tsoutsoulis E Nicolazzo 2 M Nicolazzo 2), Diamond Valley Utd 2 (L Greco S Gooney) FC Bulleen Lions 4 (M Simonetti 2 B Lamesa 2), Brunswick Zebras 1 Cairnlea WSC 4

Div 3 South-East: Ashburton 9 (S Jeffreson C Lewis E Meallin 3 W Lopez 2 AC Duncan 2) Knox City 3 (N Hawa HE Malt 2), North Caulfield 4 (R Rubenstein J Sussner R Bach 2) Old Carey 2 (EK Minde 2),

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: North-West: Lalor 3 (LM Drogriski 3) North City Lions 3 (C Caligiuri 2 T Borges), Mitchell Rangers 2 Tullamarine Jets 0

Central: Fitzroy City 1 (J Hopman) Uni. of Melbourne 1 (A Gill-Carey), Yarra Jets 6 (AA Bastable 2 M Flannery 3 Own Goal) Watsonia Heights WSC 0, Elwood City 4 (NK Johnstone 2 AJ Barker 2) Albert Park WSC 0, DOC United WFC 0 Swinburne University WSC 0

Mens	Metropolitan	League					North-west					
		P	W	D	L	F A PT	P	W	D	L	F A PT	
Heidelberg Stars		9	7	1	1	25	10	22				
Tullamarine Jets		10	6	0	4	18	10	18				
Northern Utd		9	6	0	3	19	15	18				
Yarra Jets		9	6	0	3	21	18	18				
Northern Roosters		10	5	1	4	21	14	16				
Broadmeadows Utd		9	4	2	3	18	18	14				
Moreland Wolves		10	2	0	8	9	19	6				
Altona North		10	0	0	10	8	35	0				

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West					Reserves					
			P	W	D	L	F A PT	P	W	D	L	F A PT	
		Heidelberg Stars	10	7	1	2	28	13	22				
		Broadmeadows Utd	10	7	0	3	23	13	21				
		Tullamarine Jets	10	6	1	3	36	19	19				
		Moreland Wolves	10	6	0	4	22	24	18				
		Yarra Jets	10	5	0	5	22	21	15				
		Northern Utd	10	4	2	4	16	15	14				
		Altona North	10	2	0	8	14	35	6				
		Northern Roosters	10	0	2	8	6	27	2				

Mens	Metropolitan	South-East									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T		
Ringwood City		9	7	1	1	26	14	22			
Parkmore		9	7	0	2	21	11	21			
Caulfield Grammarians		9	6	1	2	19	8	19			
St. Kevins		10	3	0	7	11	20	9			
Harrisfield Hurricanes		9	2	2	5	14	21	8			
Dandenong Warriors		8	2	1	5	14	21	7			
Manningham		10	2	1	7	17	27	7			

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East					Reserves					
			P	W	D	L	F A PT	P	W	D	L	F A PT	
	Ringwood City		10	6	1	3	24	13	19				
	Dandenong Warriors		9	5	2	2	28	17	17				
	Caulfield Grammarians		9	4	2	3	13	17	14				
	Harrisfield Hurricanes		9	3	4	2	16	12	13				
	Parkmore		9	4	1	4	21	22	13				
	St. Kevins		10	3	2	5	20	25	11				
	Manningham		10	1	2	7	12	28	5				

Womens	State	League			Div	1			Reserves							
		P	W	D		L	F	A	PT	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City		9	9	0	0	36	2	27								
South Springvale		8	6	0	2	16	6	18								
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)		8	5	1	2	27	12	16								
Uni. of Melbourne		9	5	0	4	14	11	15								
Whitehorse Utd		9	4	2	3	14	12	14								
Bayswater Strikers		9	4	1	4	26	18	13								
Brighton		9	4	0	5	12	26	12								
South Yarra		9	2	1	6	11	20	7								
Monbulk		9	1	3	5	7	19	6								
Whittlesea Stallions		9	0	0	9	4	41	0								

Womens	State	League	1							Reserves							
			P	W	D	L	F	A	PT	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT	
Uni. of Melbourne			9	8	0	1	23	1	24	9	8	0	1	23	1	24	
Altona City			7	7	1	1	25	10	22	7	7	1	1	25	10	22	
Bayswater Strikers			9	5	2	2	33	16	17	9	5	2	2	33	16	17	
Ballarat Lady Devils (BDSA)		8	5	1	2	1	7	10	16	8	5	1	2	1	7	10	16
South Springvale		8	4	1	3	2	22	11	13	8	4	1	3	2	22	11	13
Brighton		9	4	1	4	2	22	15	13	9	4	1	4	2	22	15	13
South Yarra		9	1	3	5	9	19	6	9	1	3	5	9	19	6	9	
Monbulk		9	1	3	5	7	21	6	9	1	3	5	7	21	6	9	
Whitehorse Utd		9	1	3	5	8	23	6	9	1	3	5	8	23	6	9	
Whittlesea Stallions		9	0	1	8	4	44	1	9	0	1	8	4	44	1	9	

Womens	State	League	2017/18										
			2017/18					2018/19					
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T			
		La Trobe University	8	7	1	0	37	3	22				
		Bundoora Utd	8	7	1	0	39	6	22				
		Western Eagles	8	6	0	2	22	5	18				
		Fawkner Blues	8	4	1	3	14	17	13				
		Western Suburbs	8	4	0	4	12	17	12				
		Melbourne Bears	8	2	0	6	9	27	6				
		North Geelong	8	1	2	5	3	21	5				
		Darebin Falcons	8	1	1	6	10	26	4				
		Melton	8	1	0	7	6	30	3				

Womens	State	League	Div	2			South-East		
				P	W	D	L	F	A
Doncaster Rovers			9	9	0	0	27	5	27
Berwick City			9	7	1	1	49	7	22
Ashburton			9	5	2	2	24	11	17
Sandringham			9	4	2	3	16	16	14
Beaumaris			9	4	1	4	13	32	13
Mornington Flames			9	4	0	5	18	19	12

Albert Park	9	2	3	4	13	14	9
Monash University	9	2	2	5	10	14	8
Mooroolbark	9	1	1	7	8	34	4
Southern Suburbs	9	1	0	8	6	32	3

Womens	State	League	Div	3			North-West		
				P	W	D	L	F	A
Cairnlea WSC			8	8	0	0	57	8	24
FC Bulleen Lions			8	6	0	2	41	10	18
Diamond Valley Utd			8	5	1	2	21	12	16
Kellor Park			7	5	0	2	29	11	15
Brunswick Zebras			8	4	0	4	23	21	12
Sunshine Georgies			7	2	1	4	12	29	7
Epping City			8	2	0	6	12	29	6
Maribyrnong Utd			6	0	1	5	5	30	1
Melbourne Tornado			8	0	1	7	4	54	1

Boroondara Eagles 1 4, Boronia 0 Mooroolbark 2

Girls Metro 16 A: Richmond 3 GRFA 0, Heatherton Utd 0 Casey Comets 10, Brighton 1 Bundoora Utd 3, Eltham North 2 Meadow Park 4

Girls Metro 16 B: East Bentleigh 0 Hampton Park Utd 0, Carrum Utd 1 Watsonia Heights 3, Baxter 1 Brunswick Zebras 1, Sandringham City 6 Peninsula 0

Girls NW 16 C: Altona East 3 Bacchus Marsh JSC 0, Brunswick Zebras 0 Epping City 1, Hoppers Crossing 0 Greenvale Utd 2, Sydenham Park 0 Sunbury Utd 2 (E Millard RL Wallace), Bundoora Utd 3 Brimbank Stallions 5

Girls S/E 16 C: Croydon City Arrows 0 Brighton 7, Carrum Utd 2 Noble Park 2, Richmond 1 Springvale White Eagles 2, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Knox City 0, Langwarrin 9 Beaumaris 0

Girls Metro 15 A: Essendon Royals 1 Sandringham City 3, North Caulfield 0 Ashburton 5, Croydon City Arrows 3 Alphington 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Boroondara Eagles 1

Girls Metro 15 B: Kensington JGSC 9 Brunswick Zebras 0, South Melbourne 0 Keilor Park 0, Berwick City 4 Peninsula 0, Doncaster Rovers 2 Port Melbourne 0

Girls Metro 15 C: Boronia 1 Glen Waverley 0, Southern Stars 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Eastern Lions 2 Oakleigh 1, Brandon Park 1 Sandringham City 1, Langwarrin 0 Dandenong City 5, Baxter 5 Mornington 2

Girls Metro 15 D: Croydon City Arrows 0 Whittlesea Stallions 1, South Yarra 0 Watsonia Heights 3, Eltham North 4 Mooroolbark 1, Altona City 2 Yarra Jets 1

Girls Metro 14 A: Carrum Utd 0 Keilor Park 0, Brighton 3 Monash City 3, Whitehorse Utd 1 Knox City 0, Banyule City 0 Ashburton 3

Girls Metro 14 B: Sydenham Park 3 FC Bulleen Lions 4, Brunswick Zebras 0 Nunawading City 1, Glen Waverley 0 Bundoora Utd 1, Boronia 0 Glen Eira 4

Girls Metro 14 C: Sandringham City 2 Oakleigh 0, Ashburton 2 Keilor Wolves 0, Brighton 1 Heidelberg Utd 7, Peninsula 2 North Caulfield 0

Girls Metro 14 D: DOC United FC 0 Langwarrin 3, Casey Panthers 1 Werribee City 4, Brunswick City 0 Cairnlea 0

Girls Metro 13 A: North Caulfield 0 Keilor Park 3, Hampton 0 Boroondara Eagles 0, Ashburton 2 Berwick City 1, Brighton 0 Richmond 9, Essendon Royals 1 Sandringham City 4

Girls Metro 13 B: Green Gully 2 Brunswick Zebras 3, FC Bulleen Lions 4 Carrum Utd 0, Oakleigh 1 Ashburton 1

Girls Metro 13 C: Kensington JGSC 0 Sunbury Utd 2, Glen Eira 0 Sandringham City 8, Croydon City Arrows 4 Clifton Hill 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Watsonia Heights 1, Eltham North 1 Banyule City 7

Girls Metro 13 D: Sydenham Park 12 North Caulfield 0, Mornington 1 Glen Waverley 1, Meadow Park 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2, Baxter 1 Bundoora Utd 1

Girls Metro 12 A: Ashburton 0 North Caulfield 3, Berwick City 3 Peninsula 2, Banyule City 0 Boroondara Eagles 1,

Girls Metro 12 B: Carrum Utd 3 Sandringham City 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Richmond 6, East Bentleigh 8 Hampton 0, Malvern City 1 Brunswick Zebras 0

Girls Metro 12 C: FC Bulleen Lions 4 Green Gully 0, Yarra Jets 1 DOC United FC 0, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Kensington JGSC 0

Girls Metro 11 Pink: Brighton 1 St. Albans 5, Boroondara Eagles 4 Banyule City 0, North Caulfield 1 Box Hill Inter 4,

Girls Metro 11 Purple: Berwick City 0 Sandringham City 2 1, Ringwood City 0 Whitehorse Utd 3, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Sandringham City 1 6, Peninsula 3 Bayside Knights FC 0

Boys 18 Super League
P W D L F A PT
South Melbourne 12 10 2 0 40 8 32
Doncaster Rovers 12 8 4 0 32 15 28
Green Gully 11 6 3 2 31 19 21
Fawkner 12 6 1 5 18 19 19
FC Bulleen Lions 12 5 3 4 35 26 18
Brighton 12 5 3 4 28 20 18
South Yarra 12 5 3 4 29 30 18
Springvale White Eagles 12 4 3 5 30 30 15
Essendon Royals 12 2 2 8 16 29 8
Bundoora Utd 12 2 2 8 18 42 7
Sandringham City 11 4 6 20 33 7
Keilor Park 12 2 0 10 18 45 6Boys S/E 16 Super League
P W D L F A PT
FC Bulleen Lions 9 9 0 0 30 5 27
Dandenong City 9 7 1 1 20 5 22
South Melbourne 9 6 2 1 20 8 20
North Caulfield 9 5 1 3 25 9 16
Nunawading City 9 5 0 4 16 15 15
Oakleigh 9 2 2 5 15 17 8
Mornington 9 2 2 5 12 26 8
Langwarrin 9 2 1 6 14 22 7
Richmond 9 2 1 6 11 20 7
Berwick City 9 0 0 9 4 40 0Boys S/E 15 Super League
P W D L F A PT
Monash City 9 6 2 1 20 9 20
FC Bulleen Lions 9 6 1 2 22 8 19
Berwick City 9 6 1 2 29 11 19
Beaumaris 9 4 2 3 22 20 14
South Melbourne 9 4 1 4 14 15 13
Richmond 9 4 1 4 9 10 13
Knox City 9 4 0 5 14 12 12
Peninsula 9 2 2 5 8 14 8
Sandringham City 9 2 1 6 9 21 7
Oakleigh 9 1 1 7 11 28 4Boys S/E 14 Super League
P W D L F A PT
South Melbourne 9 7 2 0 32 8 23
Berwick City 9 7 1 1 23 4 22
Richmond 9 6 1 2 22 10 19
FC Bulleen Lions 9 5 3 1 20 7 18
Monash City 9 3 3 3 15 12 12
Dandenong Thunder 9 3 1 5 9 21 10
Sandringham City 9 2 3 4 9 20 9
Croydon City Arrows 9 2 1 6 10 21 7
Oakleigh 9 1 3 5 7 16 6
Mornington 9 0 0 9 8 36 0Boys S/E 13 Super League
P W D L F A PT
South Melbourne 9 8 0 1 23 5 24
Sandringham City 9 7 1 1 25 7 22
Richmond 9 6 1 2 17 8 19
South Eastern Piranhas 8 5 1 2 19 8 16
Mornington 9 4 1 4 9 16 13
FC Bulleen Lions 9 3 1 5 7 12 10
Monash City 8 2 2 4 8 12 8
Box Hill Inter 9 2 2 5 3 10 8
Brighton 9 1 1 7 4 22 4

Knox City 9 0 2 7 4 19 2

Boys N/W 16 Super League
P W D L F A PT
Altona Magic 9 7 2 0 19 5 23
Green Gully 10 5 4 1 20 11 19
Preston Lions 9 5 3 1 26 9 18
Whittlesea Stallions 8 5 0 3 11 5 15
Sunshine Heights 9 4 2 3 23 11 14
Essendon Royals 9 3 2 4 12 16 11
Altona East 9 3 0 6 9 23 9
Sunshine Georgies 8 2 1 5 12 18 7
Keilor Park 10 2 1 7 10 23 7
Melbourne Knights 9 1 1 7 7 28 4Boys N/W 15 Super League
P W D L F A PT
Melbourne Knights 11 8 2 1 41 4 26
Altona East 9 8 1 0 30 2 25
Brimbank Stallions 11 7 3 1 25 5 24
Hume City 10 6 2 2 38 13 20
Green Gully 10 5 2 3 15 13 17
Essendon Royals 10 4 3 3 23 7 15
Keilor Park 10 3 1 6 15 19 10
Epping City 10 2 1 7 11 32 7
N.T.C 8 2 0 6 12 37 6
Whittlesea Stallions 11 1 1 9 5 63 4
Brunswick City 10 1 0 9 9 29 3Boys N/W 14 Super League
P W D L F A PT
Essendon Royals 8 6 2 0 23 7 20
Keilor Park 9 6 2 1 22 8 20
Melbourne Knights 9 6 1 2 18 8 19
Brunswick Zebras 9 5 3 1 14 8 18
Bundoora Utd 9 4 1 4 14 15 13
Green Gully 10 3 4 3 11 12 13
North City Lions 10 3 2 4 12 15 11
Altona City 9 2 0 7 13 20 6
Gisborne 9 1 1 7 14 26 4
Whittlesea Stallions 9 0 2 7 7 29 2Boys N/W 13 Super League
P W D L F A PT
Melbourne Knights 10 7 1 2 26 8 22
N.T.C 8 6 1 1 20 10 19
Green Gully 11 5 4 2 13 8 19
Whittlesea Stallions 10 4 5 1 17 7 17
GRFA 9 4 2 3 12 7 14
Keilor Park 10 4 2 4 8 8 14
Light Utd 10 3 4 4 13 12 13
Brunswick City 9 3 2 4 11 8 11
Epping City 9 2 1 6 6 23 7
Hoppers Crossing 10 2 0 8 10 31 6
Hume City 10 1 2 7 6 20 5Boys Metro 18 Blue
P W D L F A PT
Melbourne Phoenix 7 7 0 0 26 4 21
Pascoe Vale 8 5 0 3 21 15 15
Ballarat & District SA 8 4 2 2 24 16 14
St. Albans 8 3 2 3 22 16 11
Oakleigh 8 3 1 4 24 21 10
Altona East 7 3 1 3 21 18 10
Cairnlea 8 3 1 4 21 28 10
Essendon Utd 8 1 2 5 10 31 5
Western Eagles 6 0 1 5 7 27 1Boys Metro 18 Purple
P W D L F A PT
Heidelberg Utd 8 7 0 1 40 10 21
Richmond 8 5 1 2 17 12 16
Frankston Pines 8 5 0 3 18 14 15
Oakleigh 8 5 0 3 16 13 15
Sunshine Georgies 8 4 0 4 26 23 12
Northcote City 8 4 0 4 14 18 12
Preston Lions 8 3 1 4 13 9 10
Bentleigh Greens 8 1 2 5 11 29 5
Pascoe Vale 8 0 0 8 7 34 0Boys Metro 18 South
P W D L F A PT
Dandenong City 9 7 1 1 46 14 22
Casey Comets 1 9 6 1 2 35 18 19
Berwick City 9 6 1 2 30 13 19
Baxter 9 3 3 3 37 27 12
Keysborough 8 3 3 2 24 17 12
Bayside Knights FC 8 4 0 4 22 16 12
Langwarrin 9 3 1 5 16 21 10
Casey Comets 2 8 3 0 5 21 36 9
Brandon Park 8 2 2 4 29 30 8
Beaumaris 9 0 0 9 7 75 0Boys South 16 A
P W D L F A PT
Dandenong Thunder 9 8 1 0 36 4 25
East Bentleigh 9 7 1 1 34 15 22
Dandenong City 9 6 0 3 39 26 18
Brighton 9 5 2 2 34 21 17
Doveton 9 4 1 4 16 25 13
Beaumaris 9 3 2 4 22 19 11
Peninsula 9 3 2 4 20 21 11
Berwick City 9 1 3 5 10 23 6
Sandringham City 9 2 0 7 19 33 6
Langwarrin 9 0 0 9 6 49 0Boys South 16 B
P W D L F A PT
Springvale White Eagles 8 7 1 0 23 7 22
Bentleigh Greens 9 6 0 3 34 15 18
Casey Comets 9 5 2 2 20 13 17
Bayside Knights FC 8 5 1 2 40 10 16
Endeavour Utd 9 5 1 3 21 15 16
Baxter 9 4 0 5 29 20 12
Carrum Utd 8 4 0 4 28 24 12
James Cook FC 9 3 0 6 20 39 9
Brighton 8 1 0 7 10 40 3
Beaumaris 9 0 1 8 11 53 1Boys South 15 A
P W D L F A PT
Hampton Park Utd 8 6 1 1 28 9 19
Brighton 8 5 1 2 26 7 16
Harrisfield Hurricanes 8 5 1 2 12 9 16
Endeavour Utd 8 5 1 2 12 11 16
Bentleigh Greens 8 4 2 2 15 10 14
Mornington 8 1 3 4 7 17 6
Noble Park 8 1 1 6 6 17 4
Hampton 7 1 1 5 5 16 4
Sandringham City 7 0 3 4 3 18 3Boys South 15 B
P W D L F A PT
Berwick City 9 9 0 0 49 8 27
White Star Dandenong 9 7 1 1 37 9 22
Brighton 9 4 1 4 28 21 13
East Bentleigh 9 4 1 4 27 26 13
Bentleigh Greens 9 4 1 4 20 20 13
Seaford Utd 9 4 1 4 21 27 13
Mornington 9 2 4 3 17 17 10
Casey Comets 9 3 1 5 21 28 10
Langwarrin 9 2 2 5 18 28 8
Dandenong City 9 0 0 9 12 66 0Boys South 15 C
P W D L F A PT
Keysborough 8 8 0 0 59 3 24
Bayside Knights FC 9 8 0 0 1 34 8 24
Brighton 8 5 1 2 36 12 16
Peninsula 2 8 4 2 2 16 8 14
Hampton 9 4 2 3 19 15 14Peninsula 1 9 3 3 3 18 15 12
Baxter 9 2 1 6 13 33 7
Rosebud 9 2 1 6 18 44 7
East Bentleigh 8 0 3 5 9 25 3
Sandringham City 9 0 1 8 8 67 1Boys South 14 A
P W D L F A PT
Endeavour Utd 8 7 0 1 28 7 21
Keysborough 8 6 0 2 30 12 18
Dandenong City 8 6 0 2 22 8 18
Doveton 8 5 0 3 16 11 15
Bentleigh Greens 8 5 0 3 17 14 15
East Bentleigh 8 4 0 4 13 23 12
Brighton 8 2 0 6 5 27 6
Beaumaris 8 1 0 7 6 20 3
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Springvale White Eagles 8 5 2 1 23 14 17
Carrum Utd 8 4 2 2 18 12 14
Casey Comets 8 2 0 6 15 25 6
Brighton 2 8 2 0 6 12 30 6
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Hampton 8 1 0 7 3 28 3
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Bentleigh Greens 9 8 0 1 34 9 24
Hampton Park Utd 9 6 3 0 42 7 21
Endeavour Utd 9 6 1 2 26 11 19
Lyndale Utd 9 5 1 3 28 16 16
East Bentleigh 9 5 0 4 20 21 15
Beaumaris 9 4 1 4 12 17 13
Peninsula 9 2 1 6 12 28 7
James Cook FC 9 2 1 6 16 42 7
Brighton 9 1 2 6 16 21 5
Cardinia United JSoccer Club 9 1 0 8 3 43 3Boys South 13 A
P W D L F A PT
Bentleigh Greens 8 6 1 1 26 10 19
Hampton 8 5 2 1 22 15 17
Casey Comets 8 5 1 2 18 12 16
Doveton 8 4 2 2 14 9 14
Berwick City 8 3 4 1 18 8 13
Beaumaris 8 3 0 5 8 13 9
Sandringham City 8 1 4 3 3 8 7
Brighton 8 1 1 6 7 30 4
Peninsula 8 0 1 7 7 18 1Boys South 13 B
P W D L F A PT
Dandenong Thunder 9 9 0 0 47 6 27
South Springvale 9 8 0 1 32 7 24
Hampton Park Utd 9 6 0 3 43 15 18
Berwick City 9 6 0 3 28 13 18
Beaumaris 9 4 0 4 14 20 13
Mornington 8 4 0 4 16 19 12
Langwarrin 9 2 1 6 8 28 7
East Bentleigh 9 2 0 7 6 36 6
Bentleigh Greens 9 1 0 8 7 37 3
Brighton 8 0 2 6 8 28 2Boys South 13 C
P W D L F A PT
Lyndale Utd 8 6 0 2 28 11 18
Keysborough 8 5 1 2 13 6 16
Seaford Utd 8 5 1 2 15 10 16
Hampton 8 4 2 2 11 8 14
Casey Panthers 8 4 1 3 19 18 13
Doveton 8 3 2 3 17 12 11
East Bentleigh 8 2 4 2 14 16 10
Berwick City 8 0 2 6 5 21 2
Harrisfield Hurricanes 8 0 1 7 2 22 1Boys South 13 D
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Lyndale Utd 8 6 0 2 28 11 18
Keysborough 8 5 1 2 13 6 16
Seaford Utd 8 5 1 2 15 10 16
Hampton 8 4 2 2 11 8 14
Casey Panthers 8 4 1 3 19 18 13
Doveton 8 3 2 3 17 12 11
East Bentleigh 8 2 4 2 14 16 10
Berwick City 8 0 2 6 5 21 2
Harrisfield Hurricanes 8 0 1 7 2 22 1Boys South 13 E
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Casey Comets 9 8 0 1 36 6 24
Carrum Utd 9 8 0 1 32 8 24
Peninsula 9 7 1 1 39 4 22
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Cardinia United JSoccer Club 9 3 1 5 24 21 10
Baxter 9 2 2 5 14 24 8
Rosebud 9 2 1 6 17 23 7
Westernport SC 9 1 0 8 10 33 3
Seaford Utd 9 0 0 9 1 77 0Boys South 12 A
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Brighton 9 8 1 0 25 4 25
Springvale White Eagles 9 7 1 1 31 8 22
South Eastern Piranhas 9 6 2 1 20 5 20
Berwick City 9 5 0 4 21 21 15
Langwarrin 8 4 1 3 22 11 13
Beaumaris 9 3 2 4 12 15 11
GSL 8 1 3 4 8 15 6
Bentleigh Greens 9 1 2 6 8 24 5
Mornington 9 1 2 6 7 26 5
Southern Stars 9 1 0 8 4 29 3Boys South 12 B
P W D L F A PT
Dandenong City 8 6 2 0 30 5 20
Sandringham City 8 6 2 0 25 5 20
Brighton 8 6 0 2 41 8 18
Doveton 8 3 2 3 12 12 11
Brandon Park 8 3 1 4 21 16 10
Hampton Park Utd 8 3 1 4 16 21 10
Endeavour Utd 8 2 1 5 17 25 7
Mornington 8 1 1 6 10 30 4
Peninsula 8 1 0 7 3 53 3
Bye 0 0 0 0 0 0 0Boys South 12 C
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East Bentleigh 8 8 0 0 38 1 24
Casey Comets 8 7 0 1 24 5 21
Brighton 1 8 4 2 2 15 10 14
Berwick City 8 4 1 3 10 11 13
Sandringham City 8 3 1 4 6 16 10
Hampton 8 2 2 4 9 9 8
Aspendale 7 2 1 4 16 17 7
Brighton 2 7 1 1 5 8 16 4
Beaumaris 8 0 0 8 1 42 0Boys South 12 D
P W D L F A PT
Carrum Utd 9 7 0 2 34 11 21
East Bentleigh 9 7 0 2 31 12 21
Berwick City 9 5 2 2 20 9 17
Baxter 9 5 2 2 14 11 17
Langwarrin 9 5 0 4 29 11 15
Casey Comets 9 5 0 4 20 17 15
Brighton 9 2 2 5 10 25 8
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P W D L F A PT
White Star Dandenong 8 8 0 0 54 4 24
Bayside Knights FC 8 5 1 2 21 17 16
Keysborough 8 5 1 2 17 18 16Bayside Argonauts 8 4 1 3 22 14 13
Lyndale Utd 8 3 1 4 23 24 10
Kingston City 8 3 1 4 11 12 10
Casey Panthers 8 2 2 4 7 23 8
Casey Comets 8 1 2 5 9 25 5
Westernport SC 8 0 1 7 2 29 1Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green
P W D L F A PT
Sandringham City 9 8 1 0 41 3 25
Peninsula 9 6 1 2 34 8 19
Berwick City 9 5 4 0 33 7 19
Hampton 9 6 1 2 31 6 19
Mornington 9 6 1 2 19 10 19
South Eastern Piranhas 8 5 1 2 31 11 16
Brighton 9 4 1 4 29 14 13
Dandenong Thunder 8 4 0 4 17 20 12
Casey Comets 9 2 0 7 7 31 6
Aspendale 9 1 0 8 5 33 3
Beaumaris 9 1 0 8 8 9 4 3
Langwarrin 9 0 0 9 1 70 0Boys South 11 Kangaroos Red
P W D L F A PT
Hampton 8 7 1 0 29 3 22
Brighton 8 7 1 0 24 4 22
Heatherton Utd 8 6 0 2 13 10 18
Peninsula 8 4 1 3 10 10 13
Mornington 8 3 1 4 13 9 10
Sandringham City 8 2 2 4 8 11 8
Bentleigh Greens 8 2 1 5 14 14 7
Langwarrin 8 1 1 6 10 19 4
Endeavour Utd 8 0 0 8 1 42 0Boys South 11 Joelys Blue
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Bentleigh Greens 8 7 1 0 28 3 22
Doveton 8 6 1 1 41 7 19
Mornington 8 6 0 2 18 9 18
Hampton Park Utd 8 5 0 3 34 12 15
East Bentleigh 8 4 0 4 22 12 12
Springvale White Eagles 8 3 0 5 14 14 9
Baxter 8 3 0 5 10 19 9
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Rosebud 8 0 0 8 3 76 0Boys South 11 Joelys Orange
P W D L F A PT
Brighton 8 8 0 0 56 1 24
Berwick City 8 7 0 1 40 7 21
Hampton 8 6 0 2 21 13 18
Mornington 8 4 1 3 28 25 13
Carrum Utd 8 3 1 4 14 21 10
Aspendale 8 2 1 5 19 36 7
Peninsula 8 2 0 6 14 42 6
Seaford Utd 8 1 2 5 21 29 5
Beaumaris 8 0 1 7 7 46 1Boys South 11 Joelys Green
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Dandenong City 8 8 0 0 49 4 24
Brighton 2 9 7 1 1 34 8 22
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James Cook FC 9 3 2 4 11 24 11
Peninsula 9 3 1 5 13 26 10
Beaumaris 9 2 0 7 8 22 6
Brighton 1 9 1 1 7 12 32 4
Sandringham City 8 0 0 8 4 26 0Boys South 18 East Orange
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Heidelberg Stars 9 7 1 1 30 11 22
Whitehorse Utd 9 7 0 2 50 17 21
Manningham 9 6 1 2 50 14 19
North Caulfield 8 6 1 1 25 11 19
Riversdale 9 5 1 3 33 19 16
Nunawading City 9 4 1 4 24 18 13
Northcote City 9 3 0 6 22 28 9
Sherbrooke Rangers 9 2 1 6 42 37 7
Brighton 9 1 0 8 18 49 3
Beaumaris 8 0 0 8 2 92 0Boys South 18 East Yellow
P W D L F A PT
Glen Waverley 9 7 2 0 47 12 23
Oakleigh 9 7 1 1 36 14 22
Boronia 9 5 2 2 25 14 17
Doncaster Rovers 9 4 2 3 19 20 14
Ashburton 9 4 1 4 21 21 13
Eastern Lions 9 3 2 4 19 15 11
East Bentleigh 8 3 0 5 15 18 9
Knox City 9 2 1 6 12 22 7
Waverley Victory FC 9 2 0 7 11 51 6
Mooroolbark 8 1 1 6 5 23 4Boys South 13 East D
P W D L F A PT
Knox City 8 6 1 1 30 11 19
Hampton Park Utd 8 5 1 2 17 9 16
Ringwood City 8 5 1 2 15 10 16
Glen Waverley 8 3 1 4 13 11 10
Doncaster Rovers 8 3 1 4 9 9 10
Croydon City Arrows 7 3 0 4 9 12 9
Ashburton 7 2 2 3 12 14 8
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Oakleigh 8 2 2 4 13 20 8
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Caulfield United Cobras 7 6 0 1 25 8 18
Ashburton 8 4 1 3 12 11 13
Port Melbourne 8 4 0 4 23 19 12
Richmond 8 4 0 4 17 21 12
Whitehorse Utd 8 3 1 4 14 12 10
North Caulfield 7 2 1 4 13 21 7
Brandon Park 8 2 0 6 11 18 6
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East Bentleigh 8 2 1 5 12 21 7
Mooroolbark 8 1 1 6 13 34 4

FC Bulleen Lions Doncaster Rovers Knox City Richmond Box Hill Inter Boroondara Eagles Port Melbourne										Epping City Sunbury Utd Whittlesea Stallions Watsonia Heights										Mitchell Rangers Watsonia Heights										Williamstown St. Albans Sydenham Park Brimbank Stallions Keilor Park										Meadow Park Heatherton Utd														
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GW MAIL

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Federation should investigate “Lights Out at Thunder”

Dear Goal! Weekly,

In response to your article dated 15 June 2009, I strongly request the Federation to investigate the issue.

Lights are going out after half the game has been played, has occurred numerous times throughout the league competition.

If night games are going to be scheduled shouldn't the Federation ensure that the host grounds can facilitate the lighting

requirement?

Could the clubs involved be deliberately turning off the lights to generate additional revenue?

It is my understanding that the ruling states if a match has gone past half time and needs to be cancelled, spectators are not given any form of refund or voucher to attend the subsequent rematch. This situation results in the hosting club making double the admission fees.

I have travelled from Geelong to Dandenong with my family to attend the event only to be told by security staff (not even an official announcement over their PA system) that I have to go home with no refund or voucher for the future rematch. Not only will I be unconvinced to travel the distance again but I will also be charged another admission fee.

Any other event held i.e. music concerts, AFL games, would provide a voucher to re-attend their event should it be cancelled prior to completion.

I ask that the Federation investigate this situation as a regular spectator of the league competition; I feel I am being exploited by clubs wanting to generate additional revenue.

Name and address withheld

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BRUNSWICK SQUEEZE OUT A WIN ON THE ROAD

Brunswick City 1
Keilor Park 0

Brunswick City started their second half of the season on a bright note as they took all three points on the road against Keilor Park.

The sandy surface didn't allow any team to really dictate terms as maintaining possession was quite difficult but it was the home team who created the first chance as Damianou broke free and found himself one on one with Dimitropoulos in only the 8th minute of the encounter.

Fortunately for the visitors Dimitropoulos was on the ball and as he has on so many occasions this year, made a great save to deny Keilor the opening goal. Brunswick got back into the game but most moves broke down in the front third for both teams.

Brunswick's best chance of the game

came in the 30th minute when Adam Franklin's free kick was cleverly headed down to Jackson by Vouloumanos. Unfortunately the finishing of the big central defender eluded him as his shot went over the bar. Keilor had one more chance before the end of the half as right on the stroke of half time they broke on the counter. Damianou cleverly found El Dib but the latter could not beat Brunswick's custodian who made another fine save. Ciantar clearly was not happy with some of the decisions his players were opting for which resulted in a high turnover rate of the ball.

Brunswick came out in the second half and looked more determined than they did in the first half not allowing Keilor Park to dominate as they did in the first half. It was clearly evident that one goal would be sufficient as good quality chances were too far and few between.

The deadlock was broken in the 65th minute when after a goal mouth scramble Con Vouloumanos was first to react slamming the ball goalwards from inside the 18 yard box. His shot hit the crossbar and a defender's back on the way down finally ending up in the back of the net. The 1-0

scoreline was enough for Brunswick to shut up shop and adopt a more defensive approach and protect their lead. Ciantar's substitutions also reflected this by relacing his attacking players with more defensively orientated ones.

As you would expect Keilor dominated the first twenty minutes of the game but Brunswick's defence stood tall. Key defender George Danos was the standout but he was very well supported by Jackson, Suesspeck and of course Con Dimitropoulos in goals. Phil Taverna could not blow his whistle quick enough and after playing the standard 7 to 8 minutes of extra time did exactly so.

For Ciantar's men the win put them in the mix at the top but Stuart Cannell would be felt hard done by as they played quite well but the loss put them in last spot and in danger of being relegated.

The Brunswick City reserve team lost 2-0 to Keilor Park.

Goalscorers: C. Vouloumanos 65' (Brunswick City)

Best: Danos, Jackson, Dimitropoulos, (Brunswick)

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Damianou, El Dib, S. Mussel (Keilor Park)

Line ups:

Brunswick City: (Ciantar) Dimitropoulos, Danos, Jackson, Suesspeck, D. Garisto Daniel Sadik (67' Vithoukas) Madarovski (81' J. Vouloumanos), Franklin, C. Vouloumanos (Dennis Sadik 89'), Karas, G. Defeo

Keilor Park: (Cannell) Calleja, Spiteri, Gauci-Seddon, Miloshis, Chawk, G. Mussel, O'Brien, Ali Beyi, El Dib, S. Mussel, Damianou

Brunswick City Reunion

On Saturday night Brunswick City held a reunion of all past players. The event held by Brunswick stalwarts Nik Kanellakos and John Giannios saw about 150 past players from the 80's and 90's attend and have a very enjoyable evening to reminisce and reflect on the years gone by. The current committee would like to thank all attendees as well as the organisers which will serve as a precursor to the club's 40th year celebrations next year.

By Loui Simopoulos

State League NW 2

KNOX HOLD FIRM

Knox City 1
Doncaster Rovers 1 (Half-time 0 - 1)

Knox City continued its revival with a well deserved draw against the clear league leaders, Doncaster Rovers at Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday.

A gifted goal to the visitors just on half-time was rough justice for Knox's domination. To their credit they came back and equalised in the 62nd minute, only to go a man down two minutes later. However, there is much more steel about Knox of late and they were able to hold on and even create chances of their own.

The first half was all Knox as they continually pushed Doncaster back into defence. As early as the first minute, Torcaso was

forced to save at full length from Daniel Veljovic. The ball spilled loose but there was no one following up.

Edgar also went close in the opening minutes and it was some time before the league leaders could mount a serious attack, with Kerr making a good sliding tackle to deny Murat.

Barrero and Valadon both made good breaks down the left flank but the half chances were going begging. Torcaso then tipped over a fierce shot from Nick Veljovic before Knox had a stroke of luck.

Kerr stumbled and in doing so handled with the ball running free to Murat in a one-on-one situation. The Referee blew up and gave Kerr a Yellow Card when the better option might have been to allow Murat the chance to score.

With time running out in the first half, a long ball caused confusion in the Knox

defence and Murat capitalised to score the softest of goals.

Knox continued to create opportunities early in the second half, with Nick Veljovic's free kicks proving difficult to defend.

Finally, Doncaster failed to deal with one such free kick which was curled to the far post and Barrero latched onto the rebound and lashed the ball into the net.

Euphoria was short-lived as Kerr was given his marching orders for a second yellow card. This gave Doncaster more space but they failed to put away what chances came their way. Murat missed with a header after Jorgensen could only parry a shot and substitute Stefanidis failed to hit the target with a diving header.

Knox still had chances to snatch all three points as Daniel Veljovic rose above the defence but could not keep his header on target and then Valadon showed great skill

hemmed in near the corner flag to get a cross that sailed agonisingly past the far post.

Knox City: M. Jorgensen, A. Edgar, M. Hoogendyk, C. Kerr (Red Card - 64th), S. Barrero, A. Asimakidis (A. Hughes - 76th), Z. Martinez, N. Giannopoulos, N. Veljovic, D. Veljovic (G. Moon - 86th), J. Valadon: **Subs not used:** B. Karaga, C. Marshall.

Doncaster Rovers: M. Torcaso, N. Kalifatidis, J. Petridis, R. Caroillo (D. Rischitelli - 63rd), M. Santoro, B. Masic, S. Petruzello, S. Murat, V. Pirozzi, C. Koutsandony (J. Stefanidis - 79th), M. Dal Ben (J. Barrientos - 88th). **Subs not used:** M. Biskic, N. Konstandinoski.

By Bruce Darnell

State League Division 2 SE

NORTHCOTE PULL CLEAR

Bulleen To Face Langy Tonight

In a disrupted round twelve in State League One, which saw two matches being postponed until later in the season due to the suspension of St Albans Saints and Frankston Pines, Northcote City have put the pressure on the Bentleigh Greens after City collected three points in its clash with the Fawkner Blues.

Northcote City won their eighth game for the season; defeating Fawkner 2-0 in a composed display at John Cain Memorial Park yesterday afternoon. Goals either side of half time to George Giannou and the league's leading goalscorer; Trent Rixon, shut out the sixth-placed Fawkner to consign the Blues to their second consecutive loss. With ten rounds remaining, the Blues can still make a genuine push for the top two, although next week's match against Pascoe Vale carries huge importance with Vale sitting in eighth place, only one point behind.

Had Pascoe Vale won over Clifton Hill

on Saturday afternoon, they would have been sitting pretty in fifth place, however with the two teams drawing 2-2, Vale look almost certain to finish the season mid-table. Much to the delight of the Hosken Reserve crowd, Pascoe Vale scored an early goal through Steven Tribuzio, although Clifton Hill managed to hit back with an equaliser via Steven Manceski. After half time, with the scores locked at 1-1, Manceski struck his second goal for the game, to put his side in the box seat heading into the latter stages of the second half. Luca Santilli came to the rescue of Pascoe Vale luckily though, allowing the home side to nab a vital point. Yesterday's match at Ralph Reserve between the Western Suburbs and the Springvale White Eagles did not carry the high billing of the other match at Northcote; although it ended in an entertaining 1-1 draw where neither side ever appeared far from hitting the lead. A goalless first half led to more desperate attacking after

the break, with Alex Khrapko being rewarded with the game's opening goal and putting Suburbs in front. A short time later, White Eagle Tome Racunica scored the equaliser for Springvale which eventually was what saw the teams share the points, becoming Springvale's fifth draw for the season.

Tonight's match between the Bulleen Lions and Langwarrin at the Veneto Club shapes as a season-defining encounter for both sides. After a mid-season purple patch, Langwarrin have hit a hurdle; losing their last two matches, whereas the Lions enter this match after last round winning their first game in a month. A victory for either the fourth or fifth-placed side tonight will provide a solid platform which the remainder of the season; and potentially a tilt at the top-two, could be built upon.

ByJeremy O'Neill

Divvie One Wrap

RESULTS

Pascoe Vale 2
(S Tribuzio L Santilli)
Clifton Hill 2 (S Manceski 2)

*Frankston Pines
Bentleigh Greens

Fawkner Blues 0
Northcote City 2
(T Rixon G Giannou)

*St Albans Saints
Southern Stars

Western Suburbs 1
(A Khrapko)
Springvale White Eagles 1
(T Racunica)

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	12	8	3	1	23	13	27
Bentleigh Greens	11	7	2	2	17	9	23
St Albans Saints	11	6	3	2	22	13	21
FC Bulleen Lions	10	6	0	4	19	11	18
Langwarrin	11	5	1	5	19	19	16
Fawkner Blues	12	4	4	4	15	17	16
Western Suburbs	12	4	3	5	20	17	15
Pascoe Vale	12	3	6	3	10	12	15
Clifton Hill	12	2	6	4	14	19	12
Springvale WE	12	2	5	5	19	20	11
Southern Stars	10	1	2	7	9	23	5
Frankston Pines	11	0	5	6	5	19	5

ROUND 13 FIXTURES

Clifton Hill v Western Suburbs
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

Southern Stars v FC Bulleen Lions
Ross Reserve
Sat 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v Bentleigh Greens
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

Pascoe Vale v Fawkner Blues
Hosken Reserve
Sat 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

*Northcote City v Frankston Pines
John Cain Memorial Park
Sat 4 Jul KO 3:00PM

*St Albans Saints v Springvale WE
Churchill Reserve
Sun 5 Jul KO 3:00PM

RESERVE DETAILS

Pascoe Vale 1 Clifton Hill 1, Frankston Pines Bentleigh Greens , Western Suburbs 5 Springvale White Eagles 1, Fawkner Blues 0 Northcote City 4, St Albans Saints Southern Stars

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	11	8	1	2	30	9	25
Western Suburbs	12	7	4	1	27	14	25
Pascoe Vale	12	6	3	3	24	17	21
Fawkner Blues	12	6	2	4	18	21	20
Langwarrin	11	5	2	4	22	11	17
Southern Stars	10	5	1	4	15	14	16
Northcote City	12	3	5	4	23	25	14
Bulleen Royals	10	4	1	5	17	18	13
Frankston Pines	11	4	0	7	15	22	12
Clifton Hill	12	3	3	6	18	28	12
Springvale WE	12	3	1	8	16	31	10
St Albans Saints	11	2	1	8	16	31	7



Provisional League Three SE action of the 1-1 draw between Seaford United and Bayside Argonauts.
Photo: Darryl Kennedy



Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 2	Reserves
Geelong Rangers 1 (J Wade) Altona City 2 (J Little M Oliveira), Keilor Park 0 Brunswick City 1 (C Vouloumanos), Ballarat Red Devils 2 (AB Lynn 2) Altona East Phoenix 1 (S Iosifidis), North Geelong Warriors 2 (G Saric M Demo) Werribee City 1 (JC Spiteri), Sydenham Park 1 (B Trpcevski) Williamstown 1 (P Procikevic)	Geelong Rangers 1 Altona City 2, Keilor Park 2 Brunswick City 0, Ballarat Red Devils 1 Altona East Phoenix 1, North Geelong Warriors 4 Werribee City 1, Sydenham Park 1 Williamstown 4	

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 3	Reserves
Melbourne University Rangers 0 North Sunshine Eagles 1 (CA Munoz), Moreland City 0 Banyule City 0, Maribyrnong Greens 1 (A Mesinovic) La Trobe University 0, Westvale 1 (S Habibovic) Lalor 0, Cairnlea 3 (MF Peris N Simovski Own Goal) Hume Utd 1 (PA Dickie), Yarraville Glory 3 (S Kalow P Pasgas 2) Geelong 0	Melbourne University Rangers 5 North Sunshine Eagles 0, Moreland City 3 Banyule City 0, Maribyrnong Greens 1 La Trobe University 1, Westvale 1 Lalor 5, Cairnlea 3 Hume Utd 1, Yarraville Glory 3 Geelong 5	
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Maribyrnong Greens	12 8 1 3 22 9 25	Moreland City 11 10 0 1 39 11 30
Banyule City	12 7 4 1 19 11 25	La Trobe University 12 8 3 1 29 14 27
Cairnlea	12 6 4 2 15 12 22	Banyule City 12 8 1 3 24 17 25
Yarraville Glory	12 6 2 4 23 14 20	Melbourne Uni Rangers 12 6 2 4 24 19 20
Hume Utd	12 6 2 4 22 16 20	Hume Utd 12 6 0 6 19 16 18
Moreland City	12 5 4 3 15 13 19	Maribyrnong Greens 12 5 3 4 22 24 18
Geelong	12 4 3 5 14 20 15	Yarraville Glory 12 3 5 4 16 17 14
Lalor	12 3 4 5 20 22 13	Geelong 12 3 4 5 28 29 13
Westvale	12 3 3 6 13 19 12	Westvale 12 3 2 7 19 31 11
North Sunshine Eagles	12 3 1 8 12 23 10	Cairnlea 12 2 3 7 14 22 9
La Trobe University	12 2 3 7 12 20 9	Lalor 12 1 3 8 12 25 6
Melbourne Uni Rangers	12 2 3 7 9 17 9	North Sunshine Eagles 11 0 6 5 6 27 6

Seniors	PROVI 1 NORTH WEST							Reserves																			
Corio 1 (A Palmieri) Elwood City 1 (M Avram), Melbourne City 1 (P Babic) Whittlesea Utd 3 (M Halabi S Braima E Cicek), Western Eagles 2 (A Kozulin J Strycharski) Laverton Park 2 (N Stotanovski 2), Sunbury Utd 4 (D Benac 2 Z Romanovski AR Johnson) Lalor Utd 1 (D Stojanovski), Northern Falcons 1 (H Stamatiadis) Essendon Utd 2 (AD Angerami R Pelle), South Yarra 1 (J Beauchamp) FC Strathmore 1 (A Kelic)														Corio 1 Elwood City 5, Melbourne City 4 Whittlesea Utd 0, Western Eagles 1 Laverton Park 2, Sunbury Utd 2 Lalor Utd 1, Northern Falcons 0 Essendon Utd 2, South Yarra 0 FC Strathmore 1													
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Sunbury Utd	12	10	2	0	30	6	32	Essendon Utd	12	10	2	0	31	10	32												
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Laverton Park	12	6	4	2	24	16	22	Sunbury Utd	12	8	1	3	19	12	25												
Whittlesea Utd	12	7	1	4	20	15	22	Elwood City	12	7	1	4	30	18	22												
Essendon Utd	12	6	2	4	21	18	20	Melbourne City	12	5	3	4	16	11	18												
FC Strathmore	12	5	3	4	15	12	18	Laverton Park	12	5	2	5	21	20	17												
Corio	12	5	2	5	16	20	17	FC Strathmore	12	5	1	6	12	14	16												
Melbourne City	12	3	2	7	14	29	11	Northern Falcons	12	4	1	7	12	12	13												
Lalor Utd	12	3	1	8	12	16	10	Lalor Utd	12	3	3	6	17	24	12												
Northern Falcons	12	3	2	7	11	19	10	Whittlesea Utd	12	3	3	6	11	28	12												
Western Eagles	12	2	4	6	14	22	9	Western Eagles	12	1	4	7	13	24	7												
Elwood City	12	1	2	9	15	25	5	Corio	12	0	2	10	13	33	2												

Seniors	PROVI 2 NORTH WEST	Reserves											
Moreland Utd 2 (A Babo S Eyar) Watsonia Heights 0, Darebin Utd 0 Hoppers Crossing 1 (K Assaad), Avondale Heights 6 (M Jancic 3 LM Gugliandolo R Canzoneri 2) Bell Park 0, Plenty Valley Lions 1 (J Lazorov) Collingwood City 1 (J Constantinou), West Preston 2 (S Pouniotis M Bonafede) Melbourne Tornado 1 (R Blazevic), Epping City 2 (M Tavoraro 2) North City Lions 3 (H Ntakirutimana K Risteovski 2)							Moreland Utd 0 Watsonia Heights 2, Darebin Utd 2 Hoppers Crossing 3, Avondale Heights 3 Bell Park 2, Plenty Valley Lions 3 Collingwood City 4, West Preston 7 Melbourne Tornado 2, Epping City 3 North City Lions 2						
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Darebin Utd 12 2 3 7 13 21 9							Melbourne Tornado 12 1 3 8 12 32 6						

Seniors	PROVI 3 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Melton 2 (J Recinos E Waldron) Ascot Vale 0, Brimbank City 4 (A Kablar 3 M Arslan) Brimbank Stallions 0, Keon Park 1 (S Dimas) Brunswick Zebras 5 (L Hayes M Roca P Montagna S Franzo 2), Upfield 2 (HE Kakos H Al Husaini) Bundoora Utd 1 (CN Lomini), Youth Utd 1 (H Konak) Mill Park 0, Keilor Wolves 0 Surf Coast 2 (N Talbot 2)							Melton 7 Ascot Vale 0, Brimbank City 1 Brimbank Stallions 0, Keon Park 0 Brunswick Zebras 1, Upfield 2 Bundoora Utd 3, Youth Utd 1 Mill Park 1, Keilor Wolves 3 Surf Coast 3								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Surf Coast	12	8	2	2	23	6	26	Bundoora Utd	12	8	3	1	39	16	27
Youth Utd	12	8	2	2	19	5	26	Brimbank City	12	8	3	1	32	15	27
Brimbank City	12	6	3	3	20	14	21	Surf Coast	12	7	2	3	39	15	23
Melton	12	6	3	3	25	21	21	Upfield	12	7	2	3	36	20	23
Upfield	11	5	3	3	25	16	18	Melton	12	6	5	1	30	16	23
Brimbank Stallions	12	5	2	5	18	19	17	Youth Utd	12	5	4	3	21	19	19
Brunswick Zebras	12	5	2	5	21	24	17	Keilor Wolves	12	4	3	5	24	30	15
Bundoora Utd	12	4	3	5	24	21	15	Brunswick Zebras	12	4	2	6	23	23	14
Keilor Wolves	12	4	1	7	24	26	13	Mill Park	12	3	2	7	18	29	11
Mill Park	12	3	2	7	12	25	11	Brimbank Stallions	12	3	1	8	14	20	10
Keon Park	12	3	1	8	8	26	10	Ascot Vale	12	2	1	9	9	41	7
Ascot Vale	11	2	0	9	8	24	6	Keon Park	12	0	2	10	8	49	2

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 2							Reserves							
South Springvale 1 (S Groom) Port Melbourne 1 (DM Marusic), Malvern City 7 (P Madondo JM Sastre-Tejedor 2 A D'Ortenzio T Williams 2 R Swingler) Dandenong City 2 (Z Tudor S Andrijasevic), Diamond Valley Utd 2 (A Rauf (Samad) SS Bubulj) Eastern Lions 0, Heatherton Utd 2 (M Skenderovic A Saleh) Casey Comets 0, Knox City 1 (JS Barrero) Doncaster Rovers 1 (S Murat)								South Springvale 1 Port Melbourne 3, Malvern City 3 Dandenong City 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Eastern Lions 0, Heatherton Utd 2 Casey Comets 1, Knox City 1 Doncaster Rovers 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	12	8	3	1	25	12	27	Knox City	12	9	2	1	29	9	29
Heatherton Utd	12	7	1	4	23	18	22	Dandenong City	12	9	2	1	33	18	29
Diamond Valley Utd	12	6	3	3	26	18	21	Port Melbourne	12	9	1	2	47	16	28
Malvern City	12	6	1	5	35	22	19	Eastern Lions	12	7	2	3	24	10	23
Eastern Lions	12	6	1	5	22	17	19	Doncaster Rovers	12	6	3	3	40	17	21
Morwell Pegasus	11	6	1	4	19	20	19	Diamond Valley Utd	12	6	2	4	18	24	20
Port Melbourne	12	4	4	4	16	16	16	Morwell Pegasus	11	4	3	4	22	17	15
Dandenong City	12	4	4	4	26	28	16	Casey Comets	12	3	2	7	23	23	11
Knox City	12	3	5	4	10	18	14	Kingston City	11	3	1	7	12	25	10
Casey Comets	12	2	3	7	13	29	9	Malvern City	12	2	1	9	20	33	7
Kingston City	11	2	2	7	17	26	8	South Springvale	12	1	2	9	16	52	5
South Springvale	12	1	4	7	15	23	7	Heatherton Utd	12	1	1	10	13	53	4

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 3							Reserves							
Springvale City 1 (K Olabountou) Croydon City Arrows 1 (PO Terry), Nunawading City 2 (SC Bye AM Adem) Peninsula Strikers 0, Boroondara Eagles 2 (C Chiang R De Filippo) Noble Park Utd 3 (M Durand N Salamandic N Vukosavljevic), Waverley Wanderers 0 Sandringham City 1 (M Cooke), Berwick City 1 (Own Goal) Brandon Park 3 (A Mashoian 2 O Baheerathan)							Springvale City 4 Croydon City Arrows 0, Nunawading City 0 Peninsula Strikers 3, Boroondara Eagles 2 Noble Park Utd 2, Waverley Wanderers 1 Sandringham City 3, Berwick City 3 Brandon Park 1								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	12	6	3	3	21	12	21	Sandringham City	12	10	1	1	36	9	31
Springvale City	12	6	3	3	17	12	21	Berwick City	12	7	2	3	37	19	23
Southern Suburbs	11	5	5	1	18	8	20	Brandon Park	12	7	2	3	26	18	23
Peninsula Strikers	12	6	2	4	21	14	20	Croydon City Arrows	12	7	0	5	27	16	21
Noble Park Utd	12	6	2	4	26	25	20	Peninsula Strikers	12	5	4	3	23	17	19
Brandon Park	12	5	4	3	17	10	19	Nunawading City	12	4	4	4	22	21	16
Nunawading City	12	4	5	3	13	7	17	Noble Park Utd	12	5	1	6	26	31	16
Waverley Wanderers	12	2	7	3	9	9	13	North Caulfield	11	4	2	5	19	14	14
Croydon City Arrows	12	2	6	4	9	17	12	Southern Suburbs	11	3	3	5	17	24	12
North Caulfield	11	2	5	4	7	11	11	Waverley Wanderers	12	3	3	6	12	31	12
Boroondara Eagles	12	3	1	8	15	27	10	Springvale City	12	2	1	9	11	41	7
Sandringham City	12	2	1	9	10	31	7	Boroondara Eagles	12	1	3	8	6	21	6

Seniors	PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST							Reserves							
Ashburton 3 (B Jackson JA Clemson Own Goal) Mooroolbark 1 (M Findlay), Fitzroy City 2 (S Peutherer 2) Monbulk 1 (DP Willcocks), Old Camberwell Grammar 2 (DJ Kermandis 2) Monash University 1 (N Burris), Old Scotch 2 (D Baillie D Fielding) Old Melbourneians 0, Endeavour Utd 2 (D Grigoruta 2) Mornington 4 (C D'petta JR Paterson 3), Doveton 0 Warragul Utd 0								Ashburton 0 Mooroolbark 4, Fitzroy City 5 Monbulk 1, Old Camberwell Grammar 1 Monash University 5, Old Scotch 2 Old Melbourneians 1, Endeavour Utd 1 Mornington 0, Doveton 0 Warragul Utd 3							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City	12	8	2	2	23	12	26	Monash University	12	9	2	1	29	11	29
Monash University	12	7	3	2	27	14	24	Old Melbourneians	12	7	3	2	29	15	24
Mornington	12	6	4	2	28	17	22	Old Scotch	12	7	2	3	19	12	23
Old Scotch	12	6	3	3	17	11	21	Mooroolbark	12	5	5	2	18	10	20
Warragul Utd	12	6	3	3	16	11	20	Old Camberwell Grammar	12	6	2	4	21	19	22
Old Camberwell Grammar	12	5	4	3	23	18	19	Endeavour Utd	12	5	2	5	27	22	17
Mooroolbark	12	4	5	3	12	14	17	Doveton	12	5	2	5	17	18	17
Old Melbourneians	12	4	4	0	8	13	21	Fitzroy City	12	5	0	7	24	27	15
Doveton	12	2	5	5	14	24	10	Mornington	12	4	3	5	19	23	15
Endeavour Utd	12	3	0	9	16	25	9	Warragul Utd	12	2	4	6	11	21	10
Ashburton	12	2	3	7	17	31	9	Monbulk	12	2	2	8	12	32	8
Monbulk	12	1	4	7	14	22	7	Ashburton	12	1	1	10	12	28	4